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Past Rear Admiral.

"Don't give up the Ship."

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# HISTORY OF THE NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF NAVAL VETERANS

FROM THE FIRST TO THE TENTH ANNUAL CONVENTION INCLUSIVE

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BY  
WILLIAM SIMMONS

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*To the*  
*GALLANT SURVIVORS*  
*of our*  
*VICTORIOUS SQUADRONS*  
*whose achievements and brilliant exploits in the*  
*CIVIL WAR*  
*won for themselves the grateful plaudits of the loyal North*  
*and the thanks of future generations,*  
*THIS VOLUME*  
*is*  
*RESPECTFULLY DEDICATED.*

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"O'er the glad waters of the deep blue sea,  
Our thoughts as boundless as our souls are free,  
Far as the breeze can blow, the billows foam,  
Survey our empire and behold our home."

## PREFACE.

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The publication of this volume was undertaken at the suggestion of Past Rear Admiral B. S. Osbon, and other prominent Shipmates interested in the success of the organization. It will be found a plain statement of facts without any attempt at a literary display.

As its title indicates, it treats of the origin and progress of the association during the first ten years of its existence. The Naval Statistics and other information included are from official sources and can therefore be depended on as being correct.

The publication of the proceedings of each convention and appointments of each senior officer was at first contemplated; this we found would require two volumes, an unnecessary and uncalled-for expense. The proceedings are therefore prepared in a condensed form and only such matter used as will, we believe, prove generally interesting to all concerned. The portraits of all senior officers are included, except <sup>one</sup> ~~two~~, who declined to furnish photographs.

We sincerely trust it may receive a warm welcome and a conspicuous place in the family of every Naval Veteran in whose interests it is prepared.

WILLIAM SIMMONS.

Philadelphia, December, 1895.

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## In Memoriam.

Among the prominent Shipmates identified with us in the infancy of the organization the following have been called aloft:

J. D. Howley, D. D. Porter, George L. Varnick, and others of the Farragut Association, No. 1, of Philadelphia. Louis Richards, George W. Bostwick, and others of the New York Association. W. B. Daley and R. F. Tobin, of Boston; E. P. Springer, of Providence; N. C. Reed, of Columbus; and Walter M. Chester, of Chicago.

Many are the graves we garland to-day,  
Many are the ones unknown;  
Yet all shall awake at the great Jubilee,  
When Gabriel's trumpet is blown.

Farewell Shipmates, or to that part which die, but to your names and bright imperishable fame, I cannot say farewell; within my breast there lives a memory of your noble deeds which alone with death can die.

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## THE UNITED STATES NAVY.

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Marvelous as it may seem, the story of hazards and achievements in the army has been told by hundreds of writers, while the ten-fold more perilous duties and grand victories of the navy have hitherto been but briefly sketched. But for the navy the Union would have been destroyed by the aid of foreign sympathizers pouring in money, provisions and munitions of war to the Confederacy. The navy captured New Orleans, the great city of the South, controlling the entrance to the Mississippi river, and but for the navy, Grant says he could not have taken Vicksburg, nor operated successfully, as he did, against Richmond.

The growth of our Navy was one of the marvels of the age, and it was a power of no small magnitude in crushing the Rebellion. It was second only to the Army itself, and has a glorious record in the salvation of the Nation.

### LOOK AT THE FOOTINGS !

It cost the Government, in round numbers, \$480,000,000, or \$120,000,000 for each year of the war, or \$10,000,000 per month, or nearly a third of a million of dollars for every day of the war.

It employed over six hundred vessels of war and over 50,000 men, which force greatly exceeded that of any other nation in the world.

It guarded over 7,000 miles of coast, including bays, rivers, etc., effectually preventing the importation of arms and munitions of war and so compelling the earlier exhaustion of the Confederate forces.

It captured the immense number of 1,165 blockade runners, many of which were fine steamers, a ratio of nearly 300 captures per annum, or almost one each day during the entire war. The

money value of its captures was at least \$60,000,000, or \$15,000,000 worth for each year of the war, and one and a quarter millions in value for each month of the war, from first to last.

It co-operated with the army wherever there was water enough to float a gunboat, while on the high seas our navy covered itself with glory. The river work of the Navy on the Potomac, the York, the James, and the Mississippi, with its branches, the coastline work, from the Chesapeake to the Mississippi, and its work on the high seas, totally eclipse in martial valor and brilliant successes all other naval achievements of the world. While history records the names of Fort Henry, Fort Donelson, Island No. 10, Vicksburg, Port Hudson, Fort Jackson, Fort St. Phillip, Mobile Bay, Hatteras Inlet, Port Royal, Fort Fisher, and a score more of such famous names, the American Navy will be universally honored; while such deeds as the sinking of the "Alabama" in square naval battle will ever be named among the most brilliant victories of any age.

It opened the harbors by the perilous work of removing obstructions, torpedoes, etc., and by utterly destroying the hostile batteries which commanded them. It held in check the treasonable elements of many a city and rural section while a dreaded gunboat quietly lay before it; in short, it displayed heroism of the noblest type and made our reputation on the seas equal that of any nation.

Such was the value of the Navy in the great struggle that General Grant acknowledged the immense importance of its co-operation in the following memorable words :

" Without the help of the Navy I could not have succeeded at Vicksburg with three times the number of men; in fact, without the Navy I could not have succeeded at all.

War on land is bald realism; even time, which may cover its most gory features with the haze of forgetfulness, can do no more. War waged on the seas is invested with a glamour of romance by all who write of it or read of it, by all who have taken part in it. Grave historians, meaning only to give the

barest facts, betray enthusiasm in describing naval battles; novelists, poets and painters delight in the theme, and the people who read of them thrill with emotions seldom stirred by the stories of other conflicts. Whence comes the charm? Perhaps from the everlasting mystery of the sea, which never ceases to fascinate young and old; possibly the meeting of two opposing ships on a treacherous element is a scene no imagination can resist. Whatever be the cause, the fact remains that from the time men began to "go down to the sea in ships" their encounters with their enemies have had a peculiar interest. The legends of the Northmen are full of wild maritime adventures. The Romans and the Anglo-Saxons, who skirted the coasts of England and France in their primitive boats, did not seek encounters upon the water, but when they met their barbarous ferocity was increased ten-fold. During England's long-vaunted supremacy over the seas in later times her naval battles have formed some of the most dramatic events of her history.

The same interest adheres to the American Navy. Romance, patriotism and sentiment are entwined in its history. From the day when John Paul Jones taught England that the rebellious colonists could be aggressive and attack her successfully on the water as well as on land, down to this end of the century, the navy of the United States has met all the requirements in emergency. The list of heroes and their deeds need not be given here. They are known to all men. What schoolboy does not know the story of the Constitution and its commanders, and how with that now famous frigate they won renown for themselves and their country? In what American household is not the name of Perry and the tale of his great victory more familiar than other events of that troubled time when our Union was yet new and outside enemies assailed it? Brilliant were the achievements of our navy in those days and great was the increase of respect for us among other nations. So impressive was the lesson that it has lasted to this day, and has caused these discreet countries, once so threatening to a supposed feeble foe, to refrain from further hostilities.

Fifty years of peace and devotion to commerce left us with but the remnant of a navy when the civil war opened. Fortunately the South had no ships, so that prompt action on the part of the Union authorities soon provided by purchase and building an equipment that answered all needs. As the services of ships in that war were mainly for bombarding coast defences and in blockading ports, the opportunities for especial valor were less numerous than on land; nevertheless many brilliant and noteworthy engagements took place, and several are among the most striking epochs of the four year's war. The victory of the little Monitor over the Merrimac created a sensation and excitement hardly excelled in that period of sensations. The battle of Mobile bay was one of the most remarkable in the world's history of naval engagements. But in whatever sphere the United States navy was called on to act in that bitter struggle it rendered services of incalculable value, and that branch of the service deserves equal honor with the army. It has been said of it by military critics that its services were more exhausting and really wonderful in operations and results than those of any other navy in the world.

## CHAPTER I.

The U. S. Navy in the Civil War. Sketch of the Association, Suggested by the author. Circulars from the Chicago Association. Original call for the convention from the New York Association.

The National Association of Naval Veterans of the United States was organized in New York City, in January, 1887, but some of the organizations composing the Association were organized as early as 1867.

The principles of the Association are :

1st. A firm belief and trust in Almighty God.

2d. True allegiance to the United States of America, based upon permanent respect for, and fidelity to the Constitution and laws.

3d. The development of the United States Navy.

4th. To discountenance whatever may tend to weaken loyalty, excite insurrection, treason or rebellion.

The object of this Association, as defined in its Constitution, shall be to cherish the memory and associations of the War of the late Rebellion; perpetuate the glorious name and deeds of our Navy; to strengthen the ties of fraternal fellowship and sympathy; to advance its best interests and to extend all possible relief to the widows and children of members; to further the cultivation of Naval Science; to enforce unqualified allegiance to the general government; to protect the rights and liberties of American citizenship, and to maintain National honor, union and independence.

Any officer or enlisted man, who has served in the United States Navy, Marine Corps, or Revenue Marine service, during any portion of the time from April 12, 1861, to August 25, 1865, who has not borne arms against the United States, or been convicted of any infamous crime, still in the service, or who has been honorably discharged, or resigned therefrom by

an honorable acceptance of resignation, is eligible to membership in this Association.

To promote the principles of this Association, naval veterans throughout the country are invited to form associations subordinate to the National Association, and by frequent meetings to stimulate interest in all that relates to the glorious history of the navy in the Civil War; to secure protection for the living and justice for the dead, and to stand by those who stood shoulder to shoulder with you in the dark days of our country's peril.

Among our members are officers of the highest rank, some of them still in the service, and those who served in very subordinate positions. The social barriers that formerly separated the quarter-deck from the gun-deck have been cast aside by our Association and we meet upon a common level as shipmates. Patriotism knows no distinction of class.

At this time thirty-eight associations have been organized, comprising say 6,000 members, but they are but a fraction of the 132,000 men that served in the navy during the Civil War, yet small as our body is relatively, we have accomplished a great deal of good in remedying evils, and obtaining necessary legislation for our branch of the service, and have been accorded a very flattering recognition by the general government and veteran associations with whom we are in hearty accord. With a larger membership and consequent greater opportunity, more may be accomplished. For the interests of the naval veterans have been sadly neglected in the past.

The first suggestion for the formation of a National Association appeared in the *National Tribune*, of Washington, D. C., in June, 1886; the following is a copy of the communication on the subject :

#### NAVAL VETERANS.

##### **A Suggestion to Form a National Association.**

TO THE EDITOR : In connection with the National Encampment of the G. A. R. at St. Louis, next year, the undersigned

suggests the advisability of forming a national association of naval veterans.

Surely this matter has been deferred long enough, and it is high time we came to the front. The navy has an honorable record of service not only in the war of the rebellion, but in all the conflicts in which we have been engaged since the formation of our Government, and the memory of its glorious achievements and brilliant exploits should not be permitted to die out, but should rather be perpetuated for the emulation of our children when we, the actors, shall have passed away.

The central location of St. Louis, the facilities for reaching it, and the extraordinary reduction in rates of transportation usually accorded to veterans would all combine to make the time and place most desirable. There are at present five naval veteran associations in as many different parts of the country, and no doubt they all would send representatives to the formation of a national organization.

Of these local associations the one in Philadelphia is the oldest, and from its membership a Naval Post of the G. A. R. has been organized, and into this Post no one but naval veterans are admitted to membership. It has been the privilege of the writer to associate occasionally with shipmates of Chicago, Hartford, Conn., New York, and elsewhere, and my attention is frequently called to the propriety of forming a national association to meet annually in connection with the G. A. R. ✓

The glorious achievements of Farragut's men on that August morning in Mobile bay will continue to live in the memory of a grateful Nation when the actors are no more, and before we are called away to that "bourn from which no traveller e'er returns," let shipmate meet shipmate once more and talk over those hours of trial and danger which should, and I trust will, unite us together more closely in the bonds of Fraternity, Charity and Loyalty.

Now, I particularly request that all who are willing and anxious to make the proposed association a success shall com-



municate with me, so that steps may be taken during the winter to arrange a program and make our first gathering what it ought to be—a success. And continue to meet annually hereafter in different cities until we haul down our pennant and go out of commission forever.—WM. SIMMONS, Secretary, Farragut Veteran Association, Philadelphia.

We believe this to have been the first public expression on the subject of forming a national association. It met with a favorable response from all interested who were interviewed on the subject. The fact that our people were excluded from the benefits of the National Homes influenced us to a great extent in our efforts, and the following letter on the subject will, we believe, prove interesting, the original of which is still in possession of the writer :

Southern Branch, National Home, Hampton, Va., July 17, 1884.

Respectfully returned to William Simmons, Philadelphia, Pa., with the information that sailors and marines are not entitled to admission to the National Homes.

T. F. WOODFIN, Governor.

This communication developed a decidedly discreditable state of affairs which, in justice to our suffering shipmates, we determined should be remedied, and the Homes are now open to our people on the same terms as they are to our army comrades.

Our association has embraced every opportunity to impress upon the people the value, extent and importance of the service rendered by our gallant Navy in the past history of our country, and more particularly during the progress of the Civil War; in doing this we have more closely cemented the bonds of friendship formed amid scenes of trial and danger, and also developed a sentiment of respect and loyalty to our flag which cannot be otherwise than productive of good results in the future.



In national legislation our influence has been exerted in securing for our people the same liberal treatment as may from time to time be granted to our army comrades. A time may come when we are gone when popular interest in the achievements of our Navy will be quickened into new life, and the records of our squadrons be gathered for future reference. To accomplish these objects, remedy existing wrongs, and secure requisite legislation we felt could be done better by organization than by individual effort.

As indicated in these pages The Farragut Naval Veteran Association of Philadelphia was organized in the year 1867; the writer served as secretary for twenty years. In the summer of 1886 an association was formed in Chicago, Illinois, and the writer was privileged to participate in an elegant banquet given by them at the Grand Pacific Hotel, at which the subject of forming a national association was discussed and shortly afterwards acted on as indicated in the following interesting communications on the subject.

The honor and credit of forming the National Association may therefore be divided equally between Philadelphia, Chicago, and New York. We sincerely trust that the following pages will prove interesting to all who have been in any way identified with our beloved association.

*Chicago, October 12, 1886.*

WM. SIMMONS, Secretary,

Farragut Veteran Association, Philadelphia, Pa.

DEAR SIR:—Enclosed please find a proposition from our society respecting a national organization.

If you know of any body of naval veterans let us know, that we may extend this invitation to them, that nobody may be neglected, as one and all should have a chance to put in their oar.

I saw a suggestion made through the *National Tribune* which may be well to consider, after we have held a meeting of delegates from each body and got the organization into shape.

Let us hear from you the opinion in the east on the subject, and suggestions your association may have to make.

Yours, truly,

C. W. ADAMS,

*Commander.*

WALTER M. CHESTER,

*Secretary, 14 Ashland Blk.*

Farragut Veteran Association of the West, would respectfully make the following suggestions: Have each Naval Veteran Association throughout the country appoint a committee of three, to meet some time during the winter, say in the month of January, 1887, at New York City or some other central point easy of access, to consider the advisability of forming a National Association of Naval Veterans, to adopt a constitution and by-laws, and adopt a badge and button to be worn by the association, and also other business that may be necessary to form such a society. The action of the committee to be acted upon by each association before adopted.

The Army have such an organization in the Grand Army, and why should we not take some interest in such matters? We are not as numerous as the Army, but our services were of as much value to the country, and if something is not done to perpetuate the name of the Old Navy and their deeds, future generations will never know that we took part in the late Rebellion, and that such men as Farragut, Porter, Dupont, Foote, Dahlgren, and others ever existed.

THE ORIGINAL CALL, BY THE FARRAGUT ASSOCIATION, NAVAL VETERANS, OF NEW YORK,  
DECEMBER, 1886.

*To all Veterans of the United States Navy who served during the War of the Rebellion from 1861 to 1865.*

For the purpose of organizing and maintaining a National Association of Naval Veterans and perpetuating the deeds of heroism under Farragut, Porter, Dahlgren, Foote, Winslow, and other renowned officers of the United States Navy, during the darkest hours of the country's history, a meeting of all Naval Veterans, for the above purpose, will be held on Thursday, January 13, 1887, at 10 o'clock A. M., in the parlors of the Morton House, Union Square, New York City, which you are cordially invited to attend.

At this meeting will be present delegates representing the several Naval Veteran Associations of New York, Pennsylvania, Connecticut, and Illinois, to consolidate and organize as a national organization, with a central authority, Constitution, By-Laws, etc., all Naval Veteran Associations now organized, or that may be organized in the future; and it is hoped that before long every State in the Union will be represented by one or more Naval Veteran Associations.

This matter has been deferred long enough, and it is time we came to the front. The Navy has an honorable record of service, not only in the War of the Rebellion, but in all the conflicts which it has been engaged since the formation of our government, and the memory of its glorious achievements and brilliant exploits should not be permitted to die out, but should rather be perpetuated for the emulation of our children, when we, the participants, shall have passed away.

Of the 122,000 men who served in the Navy during the War, there are enough living, even at this late day, to guarantee the success of the proposed movement.

The following are all the Naval Veteran organizations, so far as known, up to date :

FARRAGUT VETERAN ASSOCIATION, Philadelphia.  
 NAVAL POST No. 400, Dept. Penn. G. A. R., of Philadelphia.  
 FARRAGUT VETERAN ASSOCIATION, of the Port of N. Y.  
 NAVAL POST No. 516, Dept. N. Y., G. A. R.  
 NAVAL VETERAN ASSOCIATION, of Connecticut.  
 FARRAGUT VETERAN ASSOCIATION, of the West.  
 NAVAL LEGION, of San Francisco, California.  
 U. S. NAVY ASSOCIATION, of Kansas.

JOSEPH HADFIELD.

Pursuant to an invitation issued by the Farragut Veteran Association of the Port of New York, the following delegates assembled in convention at the Morton House, in the City of New York, January 13, 1887, for the purpose of organizing a National Association of Naval Veterans.

Joseph Hadfield, New York.	William Simmons, Pennsylvania.
F. H. Grove, New York.	George L. Varnick, Pennsylvania.
S. L. B. McAlmont, New York.	P. Higgins, Pennsylvania.
J. E. Barstow, New York.	G. W. Mayberry, Pennsylvania.
C. Brandt, New York.	J. P. Farney, Pennsylvania.
John Trineman, New York.	Frederick Shoeber, Pennsylvania.
Andrew Jackson Gilman, New York.	C. A. Stillman, Connecticut.
H. I. Hayden, New York.	W. C. Staples, Connecticut.
A. M. Lyon, New York.	A. H. Rowe, Connecticut.
A. A. Villers, New York.	W. S. Wells, Connecticut.
Michael McAndrew, New York.	S. P. Crafts, Connecticut.
Louis Richard, New Jersey.	William H. Thompson, Illinois.
Thomas Mason, New Jersey.	J. W. Page, Illinois.
J. D. Murray, New Jersey.	E. W. Perry, Illinois.
J. F. O'Sullivan, New Jersey.	C. W. Adams, Illinois.
Otto Henriques, New Jersey.	L. B. Vance, Wisconsin.

The local associations of California and Kansas were not represented by delegates at this convention, but the Commodore of the Chicago Association held the proxies of their representatives, and was authorized to act for them in all matters, which

he did. The following are the associations that were represented at this, the first convention of duly authorized delegates :

The Farragut Naval Veteran Association, of Philadelphia; Farragut Naval Veteran Association, of New York; Naval Veteran Association, of Connecticut; and Farragut Veteran Association, of the West, located at Chicago, Illinois.

## CHAPTER II.

First convention in New York, and proceedings thereof. Selection of name. Resolutions adopted. Executive committee. Speech of Commodore C. W. Adams.

The convention completed its labors the same day it met, and the Executive Committee convened at same place on the following day. The election for National Officers resulted as follows :

*Commodore*, CHARLES W. ADAMS, Illinois.  
*Commander*, CHARLES A. STILLMAN, Connecticut.  
*Paymaster*, F. H. GROVE, New York.  
*Surgeon*, J. D. MURRAY, New Jersey.  
*Secretary*, WILLIAM SIMMONS, Pennsylvania.  
*Assistant Secretary*, WALTER M. CHESTER, Illinois.

The Commodore announced the following appointments :

*Staff.*

*Commander*, W. S. WELLS, Connecticut.  
*Captain*, E. W. BROOKS, Illinois.  
*Lieut.-Commander*, JOSEPH HADFIELD, New York.  
*Lieutenant*, GEORGE L. VARNICK, Pennsylvania.  
*Surgeon*, O. B. DAMON, Illinois.  
*Paymaster*, WM. C. STAPLES, Connecticut.  
*Chief Engineer*, S. L. B. MCCALMONT, New York.  
*Master*, MARTIN MURRAY, California.  
*Ensign*, ALFRED W. KNOWLES, Kansas.

*Executive Committee.*

JOSEPH HADFIELD, 215 Henry Street, New York.  
 WILLIAM H. THOMPSON, Thompson's Block, Chicago.  
 GEORGE L. VARNICK, 215 North 10th Street, Philadelphia.  
 C. W. ADAMS, 65 Clark Street, Chicago, Illinois.  
 E. W. PERRY, Chicago, Illinois.



SAMUEL ALMAN,  
Rear Admiral Commanding National Association Naval Veterans.





Motto :—"Don't give up the Ship."

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## CONSTITUTION.

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### PREAMBLE.

Having aided in maintaining the honor, integrity and supremacy of the National Government at a critical period of its history, and holding in remembrance the sacrifices in common made and the triumphs together shared in discharge of that sacred duty, we unite to ordain and establish a permanent Association for the purposes and objects hereinafter set forth, and to this end pledge our honor as gentlemen to be governed by the following Constitution and By-Laws. Any officer or enlisted man of the United States Navy or Revenue Marine Service during any portion of the time between April 12, 1861, and August 25, 1865, who has been honorably discharged, is eligible to membership in this Association.

### ARTICLE I.

#### TITLE.

This Association shall be known as the National Association of Naval Veterans.

### ARTICLE II.

#### PRINCIPLES.

This Association acknowledges as its fundamental principles, (1) a firm belief and trust in Almighty God; (2) true allegiance to the United States of America, based upon paramount respect for, and fidelity to the Constitution and laws; the development of the United States Navy; and manifest by discountenancing whatever may tend to weaken loyalty, to incite insurrection, treason or rebellion.

The duties of the officers shall be :

1. The Commodore to preside at all meetings, and special meetings may be called by the Commodore when so requested by a majority of the grand body.

2. The Commander to preside at all meetings in the absence of the Commodore.

3. The Secretary shall keep a log of the Association, and at the annual meeting give a written report of the different local associations and their standing as to number of members, or other information that may be of interest, and have all charge of the necessary correspondence.

4. The Paymaster shall keep a record of the financial transactions of the Association, collect all dues and pay all bills from the money so collected, after being audited and approved by the Chairman of the Executive Committee. The Paymaster shall deposit the funds in some suitable bank to the credit of the National Association of Naval Veterans, the same to be withdrawn on his own check, countersigned by the Chairman of Executive Committee.

5. The Surgeon shall be *ex-officio* Chairman of the Relief Committee.

## ARTICLE X.

The National Association of Naval Veterans shall meet once a year at the time and place selected by the Executive Committee.

The remainder of the constitution is omitted owing to its length and alterations to which it has been subjected since its adoption.

## NAME OF THE ORGANIZATION.

Several names were submitted for consideration, the most prominent of which was "Naval Veteran Society of the United States," and "Naval Legion of the United States." The name that was adopted, "National Association of Naval Veterans," was suggested by Shipmate Frances H. Grove, of New York.

The first resolution adopted by the National Association was the following :

#### INCREASE OF THE NAVY.

THOMPSON, of Illinois.—I have a resolution to read :

“ WHEREAS, We, Veterans of the United States Navy, assembled together as the National Association of Naval Veterans, who remember with pride the power and the glory of the Navy of our Country as it was some twenty years ago, see with profound regret that the Naval power of America has, like our marine merchant interests, so fallen into decay that it is regarded with contempt even by the most insignificant of foreign powers, and with shame by most patriotic Americans; and,

“ WHEREAS, It is the opinion of this body that the development of American industry and the proper protection of American citizens abroad, demand the immediate restoration of the Navy of this Country; therefore,

“ *Resolved*, That we pledge ourselves as individuals and as an organization, to use all reasonable and proper means to induce the Government to strengthen and so develop the Navy of the United States that it will be able to protect all American interests, whether at home or abroad, and all its citizens wherever they may be.”

The importance of a well organized and well maintained Naval force for every great country would appear so manifest that argument in support of such a measure by me would seem unnecessary. But, unfortunately, it is characteristic of people, where the surroundings are peaceable and happy, where the laws are easily executed, and where property is safe, to assume that such conditions will always exist.

The following brief extracts from the proceedings of the convention we believe will be of some interest to the reader.

HADFIELD, of New York—I nominate Charles W. Adams, of Chicago, for Commodore.

THOMPSON, of Illinois—I second the nomination of Chas. W. Adams. They both came from the same city, Portsmouth, New Hampshire, and both went to sea before the mast. He made a cruise of three years before the war as Master's Mate. When the war broke out he entered the Navy in a similar capacity, and has served for nine years. He was advanced to a Volunteer Lieutenantcy and was honorably discharged in 1867. He is the Commander of the Farragut Association of Chicago, and is Assistant General Passenger Agent of the Pennsylvania Railroad. He is able and patriotic, and would fill the position of Commodore with credit to himself and this organization. He would inspire confidence, is not afraid of work, is influential and can be of great aid to the cause nationally.

WELLS, of Connecticut—I nominate C. A. Stillman, of Hartford, for Commodore. Capt. Stillman was one of the pioneers of the organization of Naval Veterans when it was looked upon in Connecticut as a forlorn hope. He is an able Executive, full of zeal, conversant with Navy routine and all matters pertaining to this organization—being at present a Captain of Marines, on the retired list. His heart and soul are in this work.

CRAFTS, of Connecticut, seconded Mr. Stillman's nomination.

PAGE, of Illinois, advocated the choice of Mr. Adams.

HADFIELD, of New York—New York asks nothing for herself, but wishes only to further the best interests of the organization. There are many old Veterans in the West and on the coast of California who are not yet with us. I never saw Mr. Adams before, but because he is located nearer the centre of the United States, I think it most advisable that he be selected. My idea is that the office should be held by a man whose influence can radiate in all directions. We can try him for a year and then choose another if he does not prove to be a good fellow.

CRAFTS, of Connecticut—It is not a supposable case that any member of this organization is not a good fellow.

PAGE, of Illinois—I move that we proceed by ballot to elect officers.

Carried.

THE CHAIRMAN—The gentlemen in nomination for Commodore are C. W. Adams, of Chicago, and C. A. Stillman, of Hartford. If there is no objection, the roll will be called and delegates deposit their ballots with the tellers.

The ballot resulted as follows :

Charles W. Adams .....	22
C. A. Stillman.....	8

THE CHAIRMAN—Mr. Charles W. Adams, of Chicago, having received the majority of votes, I declare him elected Commodore of this Association for the ensuing year.

CRAFTS, of Connecticut—I move that the election of Commodore Adams be made formal and unanimous.

THE CHAIRMAN—There being no objection made, Mr. Adams is declared unanimously elected. The Commodore will come forward and take his seat as presiding officer. Allow me to congratulate you, Commodore, upon your election.

The Commodore-elect then took the chair.

THE SECRETARY—The next officer to be elected is the Commander.

HADFIELD, of New York—I nominate Capt. C. A. Stillman, of Connecticut, for Commander.

THOMPSON, of Illinois—I was about to nominate the same gentleman. I will heartily cast three votes from Chicago, three from Kansas, and three from California, for him.

On motion of Mr. Hadfield, of New York, the Secretary was authorized to cast the ballot of the Association for Capt. C. A. Stillman, for Commander.

THE COMMODORE—Capt. C. A. Stillman is unanimously elected Commander of this Association for this year. The next nomination in order is for Secretary.

MURRAY, of New Jersey—I nominate F. H. Grove, of New York, for Secretary.

GROVE, of New York—I nominate William Simmons, of Philadelphia, for Secretary, and respectfully decline being a candidate, for the reason that other duties will not permit my proper performance of the duty devolving upon the Secretary of this Association.

VANCE, of Wisconsin—In seconding the nomination of Mr. Simmons, I suggest that his election be made by acclamation. There is not a man here who has worked as hard, or done as much, as Mr. Simmons for the advancement of Naval associations throughout the United States.

GROVE, of New York—We all know that; that is one reason why he should be chosen.

Mr. William Simmons was elected Secretary by acclamation.

### SPEECH OF COMMODORE ADAMS.

As the election of officers is completed, I wish to be permitted to express the gratification I feel for the honor conferred upon me. The office came unsought. The West did not come here with any schemes to capture the position. It has been my urgent request to friends that no one should vote for me unless it should be the unanimous wish of the delegates that they should so vote. I am quite sure that my abilities or merits have not brought me to the front in this Association, and I feel that my election to this office is due chiefly to the central position in the Country which Chicago occupies. I doubt my ability to carry out the wishes of the members of the Association as acceptably as Commander Stillman would have done. I am entirely unacquainted with parliamentary law, but hope in time to become sufficiently familiar with the duties of my office to discharge them to your satisfaction. Shipmate Thompson, in presenting my name, said that I was a Lieutenant in the Navy. I was not. The highest Naval position I ever

had was that of Acting Master. But I did not go in through the cabin window. In fact, when a boy before the mast on a merchant ship, I have been frequently kicked out of the cabin door when I ventured too close to that sacred portal.

I see no reason why this Association, in the coming year, should not have a large increase of membership. It has seemed to us of the West that some kind of a National organization was necessary, because we saw every day, throughout the most remote parts of the West, gentlemen who were associated in the Navy in a higher or lower degree. Our association at Chicago is not composed of fresh-water sailors. I cannot call to mind among the various members with whom I am intimately acquainted, any except those who have been upon the salt water, and most of them were for a long time upon it. But the Navy of the River was no less actively, prominently and honorably engaged than that of the Gulf and Atlantic Squadrons. We have cause to remember the very able representatives in what we have termed the Farragut Veteran Association of the West, who are fresh-water sailors, but who would extend the warm hand of welcome to us as readily as though they had spent their lives on salt water.

I hope at the end of the present year, at the close of my term, I shall be able to retire from the position of Commodore with the assurance of my Shipmates that I have discharged the duties of my office to their satisfaction and with credit to myself. [Applause.]

During the administration of Commodore Adams three local associations were formed and much interest awakened in the cause among our people.



## CHAPTER III

Re-union at St. Louis, Mo. Proceedings thereof. Shipmates present. Resolutions passed. Letter of Shipmate Thos. L. Johnson, on Naval recognition by the G. A. R.

### CALL FOR REUNION OF NAVAL VETERANS AT ST. LOUIS, MO.

DEAR SIR AND SHIPMATE :

There will be a general meeting of the Naval Veterans in the Hall of Gen. Blair Post, No. 1, St. Louis, Mo., on Monday, September 26th, 1887, at 8 P. M. Also on Tuesday, the 27th, at 8 A. M., to form for parade. Badges will be provided. Meet also at same place on Tuesday evening for a general re-union.

Please attend, and register name, address and vessel on which you served while in the Navy. Quarters are engaged at the European Hotel, 420 and 422 South Second Street, seven squares from the Union Depot, at one dollar per day. Please report there on your arrival, and do all you can to make the proposed re-union a success.

By order of the Commodore,

WILLIAM SIMMONS,

*Secretary National Assoc. Naval Veterans.*

This is a copy of notice sent out for the first general re-union of Naval Veterans under the auspices of the National Association. At this meeting Shipmate F. H. Grove, of New York, presided, and Shipmate William Simmons, of Philadelphia, was Secretary. Shipmate Grove explained the object of the National Association, the absolute need of such an organization among our people and that the formation of local associations throughout the country was contemplated; his remarks were well received and frequently applauded.



Shipmate S. H. Maunder, of Washington, Kansas, was the next speaker. He referred in glowing terms to the extensive service of the Navy in the Civil War, and particularly eulogized the Western Flotilla to which he was attached; other speakers were Captain J. C. Parker, of St. Louis; Thos. L. Johnson, of Chicago; J. H. Hiends, of Portland, Oregon; Frank Huber, of McCook, Nebraska; L. G. Harris, of St. Louis; William Simmons, of Philadelphia, and many others.

There was a large attendance of Naval Veterans at this meeting and much interest manifested by all present. Among those entitled to honorable mention on this occasion was Shipmate P. W. Hager, of Louisville, Kentucky.

A vote of thanks was extended to the officers and comrades of Gen. Blair Post, G. A. R., for free use of their handsome headquarters.

A motion made by Shipmate Thos. L. Johnson, passed unanimously, authorized the Chairman to appoint a committee of three Shipmates to wait on the G. A. R. Encampment then in session and request the election of a Naval Veteran as Junior Vice-Commander-in-Chief, and after some discussion the name of Shipmate Johnson was agreed upon for the position.

At the close of the meeting "the main brace" was spliced and a substantial lunch was partaken of, both of which was provided by Shipmate J. C. Parker, of St. Louis.

On the following day, September 27, the Shipmates met at same place and formed a Naval Division, which participated in the G. A. R. parade. The committee appointed to wait on the G. A. R. Encampment reported that our request for Naval recognition came too late, as the National officers had already been decided on.

Our meeting in St. Louis resulted in the formation of a local Naval Veteran Association in that city, named the Admiral Foote Association.

The Committee on "Naval Recognition," appointed at the St. Louis Re-union were continued, with power to act and report on some future occasion.

In Shipmate Thomas L. Johnson, who was Chairman of this Committee, we found an earnest, zealous and intelligent worker, whose efforts in behalf of our people entitles him to honorable mention. About the time of the Columbus Re-union he located in Chicago, Illinois, and became Secretary of the local association of Naval Veterans in that city. He has our hearty thanks for valuable service rendered to the cause when friends were needed to advise, encourage and co-operate with us.

The following interesting letter from him to the writer indicates the deep interest he took on the subject :

#### THE FARRAGUT N. V. ASSOCIATION OF PHILADELPHIA.

WM. SIMMONS, *Secretary*,  
Philadelphia, Pa.

DEAR SIR AND SHIPMATE :—In accordance with instructions received from the Naval Veterans in Convention assembled, September the 27th, 1887, I, as Chairman of the Committee appointed at that time, have spared no pains in procuring the recognition of the Sailor in the Grand Army of the Republic.

Resolutions were formed by your Committee; placed before the most prominent Posts throughout the country for their endorsement; carried from the Posts to the State Encampments, and from there to the National Encampment, receiving the approval wherever they were presented, and finally were submitted to the Committee on the Revision of the Ritual, who, I am more than pleased to say, embodied every recommendation in that Ritual, and at the first meeting of the Posts of the G. A. R. throughout the United States, held after January 1st, 1889, for the first time in the history of the G. A. R., the Sailor and the Navy will receive its just and full recognition. I feel that we have achieved a signal victory, and trust that it will be appreciated by every member of the Naval Associations throughout the country, as well as the Naval Veterans within the body of the G. A. R. It is to be hoped that at the National Encamp-

ment, to be held in Milwaukee, next August, that we shall be present in full force, and show that the confidence reposed in us by the last National Encampment, in placing our worthy Commodore, Jos. Hatfield, in the position of Junior-Vice-Commander, is one that we are proud of, and fully appreciate.

In submitting this report to you, I would ask that at the coming National Encampment your Committee may be honorably discharged, as they feel they have accomplished the work for which they were appointed.

Yours, very truly,

T. L. JOHNSON,

*Chairman of Committee.*

## CHAPTER IV.

Second annual convention at Philadelphia. Officers elected.

General orders of Commodore Joseph Hadfield. Letters from Shipmates Loyall Farragut and C. A. Stillman.

### CALL ISSUED FOR THE SECOND CONVENTION HELD IN PHILADELPHIA.

DEAR SIR AND SHIPMATE :—You are hereby respectfully informed that the Second National Convention of Naval Veterans will meet in the Hall of Naval Post, No. 400, N. W. corner Eighth and Vine Streets, Philadelphia, on Friday, January 13th, 1888, at 9 A. M.

One year ago our shipmates of New York invited us to that metropolis, at which time and place this Association was organized. Pennsylvania, Connecticut, New York, Illinois, Kansas, and California were represented on that occasion, and since then, Massachusetts, Louisiana, and Missouri have joined with us in the good work, while our shipmates of other States are seriously contemplating the propriety of similar action.

In order that the session of the Convention may not be unnecessarily prolonged, delegates will please come prepared with such legislation as they wish action taken on. The question of granting charters to local associations, reducing the per capita tax, and fixing a more suitable time for holding our annual meeting will receive consideration.

Naval Veterans generally are cordially invited to meet with us on this occasion and renew friendships formed amid scenes of trial and danger. On the evening of the above mentioned date, a banquet will take place in the Naval Post Hall, tickets for which may be obtained from the officers of the Farragut Association of Philadelphia, who will be at the Convention, prepared to extend to our nautical brethren generally a sailor's welcome. Tickets for Delegates and visitors are free.



WILLIAM SIMMONS,  
Past National Commander.



We embrace this opportunity to urge upon our shipmates everywhere the importance of organizing. By such a course we can best serve our own interests, assist shipmates in distress, and the widows and orphans of those who fell that the nation might live.

It is a fact well known by every intelligent person that the naval operations in the late war are not known or appreciated as they should be by the present generation.

Not only in the war of the Rebellion, but in all previous conflicts in which we have been engaged, our gallant Navy came fully up to the requirements of the emergency, surpassing the expectations of the people, and covering itself with imperishable renown.

We point with a feeling of pride to its heroic achievements and brilliant exploits, to the battles we fought, the victories we won, and the grand results accomplished. Forts Walker and Beauregard, Forts Jackson and St. Philip, Forts Henry and Hindman, Forts Morgan and Gaines, are but a few of the victories for which the nation is indebted exclusively to the Navy. We did equally well on the ocean, everywhere demonstrating in language too plain to be misunderstood, the superiority of the American sailor. From the official records of the Navy Department, it has been ascertained that there were one hundred and twenty-one thousand nine hundred and fifty-four enlistments in the Navy during the war of the Rebellion. Many of them sleep in unknown graves. No Gettysburg shaft points heavenward to mark the spot where they fell.

But by the flow of yon inland river,  
Whence the fleets of iron have fled,  
Where the blades of the green grass quiver,  
Asleep are the ranks of our dead.

Very truly yours,

C. W. ADAMS,

WILLIAM SIMMONS,

*Commodore.*

*Secretary.*

The Second Annual Convention met at the Naval Post Hall, Eighth and Vine Streets, Philadelphia, January 13, 1888.

Commodore C. W. Adams, of Chicago, Ill., presided. Thirty-three delegates, representing every naval veteran Association in the country, were present. Several changes were made in the rules and regulations of the association and these new officers elected: Commodore, Joseph Hadfield, New York; Commander, George L. Varnick, Philadelphia; Paymaster, F. H. Grove, New York; Surgeon, J. D. Murray, New Jersey; Secretary, William Simmons, Philadelphia. It was decided to hold the next convention in Boston, Mass. In the evening a complimentary banquet and entertainment were tendered to the delegates by the Farragut Association of Naval Veterans, of Philadelphia.

An address of welcome was delivered by Commander George L. Varnick, who also presided at the festivities. Among the speakers were Commodore Hadfield and Francis H. Grove, New York; Charles W. Adams, Chicago; J. Pierson, Camden; D. B. Hubbard, Chicago; Captain Staples, Connecticut, and William Simmons. Recitations and songs were rendered by Thomas H. Kay, T. J. Leamy, John F. Mackie, M. P. Griffis and others.

COMMODORE'S OFFICE, 39 Burling Slip, New York.

January 20, 1888.

*General Order No. 1.*

SHIPMATES :—The National Convention of Naval Veterans, which recently convened at Philadelphia, and consisted of representatives from the different local associations throughout the United States, honored me by my selection of Commodore. The position, unsought and unsolicited by me, is accepted as an evidence of the good will and esteem in which I am held by my Shipmates. Appreciating the compliment, I cheerfully enter upon the discharge of the duties of the position, and earnestly request the sympathy and support of Shipmates generally, whether cruising alone or in organized bodies.



At the convention, the following amendments to the Constitution were unanimously adopted, and are herewith printed in a form that will permit of their being cut out and pasted in one of the blank leaves of the book containing the original Call, Constitution and By-Laws.

Article 9, Section 1, Page 3, amended, so as to read : The Commodore to preside at all meetings, and special meetings may be held by the Commodore when so requested by a majority of the Commanders of the several local associations.

Article 13, page 41, strike out all that part relating to uniforms. Article 15, page 41, strike out the first six lines, and insert the following :

The Commodore and Past Commodores of the National Association, the Commander and Past Commanders of each local association shall be entitled to vote in the election of officers. Each local association shall elect three delegates and three alternates to attend the meetings of the National Association, the right to vote on any question being vested in the delegates, and each association being entitled to three votes.

The second section of Article 15 was stricken out.

Article 16, page 41, first line, strike out Commander and insert Commodore.

Section 2, Article 16, is amended as follows :

There shall be an officer detailed from the Commodore's staff to organize new associations, who shall grant them a charter upon their making application therefor and paying five dollars. Full instructions will be given, and all associations now organized to be furnished with a charter at the same price.

To establish the identity of our Shipmates who are applicants for pension, we undertake to ascertain the whereabouts of those who knew them in the service; by this means we have been instrumental in accomplishing much good, and feel sufficiently encouraged to continue the work. Frequent inquiries are made by the Pension Office and individuals for information of this character, and in some cases we have been able to serve them. Naval Veterans who wish to organize will please communicate with these headquarters, and a copy of the National Constitution

will be forwarded. Charters are furnished to local associations, at a cost of five dollars, on application. The badges and buttons adopted by the National Association may be procured from the Secretary; price of the former, \$2.25; and the latter, \$1.25; and copies of the original Constitution and By-Laws may be had by sending twenty cents in stamps.

The services of the different officers is rendered gratuitously, and we appeal to Shipmates generally to take an interest in this matter so as to ensure success. We need, and should have, your encouragement and sympathy.

The following Shipmates are hereby appointed an Executive Committee: Shipmates Geo. L. Varnick, of Pennsylvania; C. H. Lester, of Connecticut; J. W. Page, of Illinois; R. A. Pierson, of New Jersey, and D. F. O'Brien, of New York.

JOSEPH HADFIELD,

WILLIAM SIMMONS,  
*Secretary.*

*Commodore.*

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### INTERESTING CORRESPONDENCE.

COM. JOSEPH HADFIELD,

Nat. Assoc. of Naval Veterans.

DEAR SIR:—Allow me to thank you for the certificate of honorary membership to the Association which you represent. I also deeply appreciate the compliment that it was received on the twenty-sixth anniversary of the passage of the Forts with which we have such interesting memories—Forts Jackson and St. Philip.

I regret that an engagement of some weeks standing will prevent my attendance at your re-union, but with the hope that the entertainment will be a grand success,

I remain,

Very truly, your Shipmate,

LOYALL FARRAGUT.

113 East 36th St., N. Y., April 24, 1888.

COMMODORE JOSEPH HADFIELD,  
New York City.

DEAR SIR AND SHIPMATE :—I have the honor to acknowledge through the hands of Secretary Simmons of Philadelphia, my commission as Colonel of the U. S. M. C., on Staff of the Commanding Officer of the Naval Veterans of the U. S. I appreciate this mark of consideration, and will accept the appointment. Thanking you for the honor conferred, I am,

Fraternally yours,

CHAS. A. STILLMAN.

Hartford, Conn., May 8, 1888.

## CHAPTER V.

Third annual convention and re-union at Columbus, O. Circulars of local association and Naval Post, No. 400, of Philadelphia. Election of Shipmate Hadfield as Junior Vice-Commander-in-Chief by the G. A. R. Interesting letter on the subject by Shipmate Joseph Gregory, of Marblehead, Mass.

CONVENTION AND REUNION OF NAVAL VETERANS  
AT COLUMBUS, OHIO.

An interesting and largely attended Re-union of our people was held at Columbus, Ohio, in the month of September, 1888, during the session of the Twenty-second National Encampment of the G. A. R. To which attention was called by a notice of which the following is a copy :

HEADQUARTERS NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF  
NAVAL VETERANS.

NEW YORK, April 24, 1888.

A Convention of Naval Veterans of the late War will be held at Columbus, Ohio, next September, during the session of the National Encampment of the G. A. R. Unusually low rates of transportation is promised for the occasion. And it is desirable that Shipmates, as far as possible, make an effort to attend.

Full particulars as to time and place of meeting, rates at Columbus, etc., will be sent to all who forward their names and address to the Secretary of this Association. Direct in care of the Naval Post, No. 400, Philadelphia, Pa.

JOSEPH HADFIELD,

*Commodore.*

WILLIAM SIMMONS,

*Secretary.*

This re-union and convention was extensively advertised not only by ourselves but also in General Orders from National Headquarters of the G. A. R., as indicated by the following correspondence on the subject :

# HEADQUARTERS GRAND ARMY OF THE REPUBLIC.

Office of the Adjutant General.

MINNEAPOLIS, MINN., June 12, 1888.

WM. SIMMONS, ESQ.,  
Philadelphia, Pa.

DEAR COMRADE :—Your letter of May 30th, to the Commander-in-Chief, is at hand. An announcement of your proposed re-union at Columbus will appear in General Orders No. 8, now in the hands of the printer. Judge Rea directs me to say that anything he can do in the interest of the Naval Veterans will give him unqualified pleasure.

Yours in F. C. and L.,

DANIEL FISH,  
*Adjutant General*

The notice of the re-union in General Order was worded as follows :

An extensive re-union of the surviving Comrades of the Naval Service is being arranged, and several miniature gun-boats and mortar-boats on wheels are being constructed for the Grand Parade. The first meeting of the National Association of Naval Veterans will be held at its headquarters in the Capitol on Monday Evening, Sept. 10. All the veterans proposing to attend the re-union should report their names at once to Symmes E. Brown, Chairman, Columbus, Ohio.

Copy of circular issued by the Naval Veterans Committee at Columbus, Ohio.

COLUMBUS, O., September 10 to 15, 1888.

DEAR SHIPMATE :—During the second week of the "Ohio Centennial" the National Re-union of Naval Veterans will be

held at Columbus, Ohio, from September 10th to 15th, under the direction of the Twenty-second National Encampment of the Grand Army of the Republic, at which time there will be a hundred thousand army veterans here, and a thousand or more naval veterans.

A cordial invitation is extended to you to be present on this occasion. Earnest efforts are being made by the National Association of Naval Veterans, as well as ourselves, to have as many Naval Veterans present as possible, and extensive arrangements are being made to make the Naval Display a great feature of the parade.

Several gunboats of different models, with mortar-boats, etc., will be in line, run by steam, from which mortars will be fired, throwing up daylight fireworks.

The ex-sailors of Columbus have organized a "Crew" and will muster as such in naval suits of blue pants, white shirts, and blue caps. We recommend that the ex-sailors of each city where a dozen or more can be mustered, organize a Naval Crew, adopt a uniform and come prepared to turn out with us as sailors in the great parade of September 11th.

A large room in the State Capitol has been assigned to the National Association of Naval Veterans for headquarters, and also a large hall in the Sullivant School Building, just three squares from the Capitol, for general re-union purposes.

A program will be arranged for each day of the re-union, and each evening will have its entertainments.

All honor to the Union soldier who protected our flag on land, but equal honor is also due to the Sailor, who not only fought on land as well as on water, but also was exposed by scalding steam, the stealthy torpedo, the battering ram, and a watery grave. There was not a moment of his service to his country that did not expose him to danger of life and limb.

The vast, extensive and important service rendered by our gallant Navy in the late war is not known or appreciated by the present generation as fully as it should be. Not only in the War of the Rebellion, but in all previous conflicts in which we have been engaged as a Nation, our Navy came fully up to the requirements of the emergency, surpassing the expectations of the people and fairly covering itself with imperishable renown.

We point with a feeling of pride to its heroic achievements and brilliant exploits, to the battles we fought, the victories

we won, and the grand results accomplished. Forts Walker and Beauregard, Forts Jackson and St. Philip, Forts Henry and Hindman, Forts Morgan and Gaines, Forts Hatteras and Clarke, are but a few of the victories for which the Nation is indebted exclusively to the Navy. We did equally well on the ocean, everywhere demonstrating, in language too plain to be misunderstood, the superiority of the American sailor.

Farragut's triumphant ascension of the Mississippi River, and his August morning in Mobile Bay, have never been equalled in the annals of warfare, ancient or modern.

The names of Morris and Worden, Stringham and Goldsborough, Foote and Davis, Dupont and Dahlgren, Cushing and Rodgers, Wilkes and Winslow, Porter and Farragut, should be written in letters of gold on the pages of our country's history, because they will continue to accumulate additional honor and lustre from generation to generation until time shall be no more.

All Naval Veterans—sailors and gunboatmen—are cordially invited and urged to join in this, perhaps the last Re-union we will be permitted to enjoy; it will undoubtedly be the largest that was ever held or will be held.

Shipmate, make an effort to come and bring others with you and let us have one more grand muster. If you cannot come with a crew, come anyhow and report at headquarters in the State House as soon as you arrive and see your old shipmates; it will do you good.

SYMMES E. BROWNE,  
J. W. KEENE,  
N. C. REED,

Committee on Naval Veterans by authority of the General Council, G. A. R.

The re-union at Columbus was largely attended and was in all respects the most successful ever held under the auspices of the National Association up to that time. No officers were elected. Its principal object was to secure recognition of the Naval service by the election of one of our people by the National Encampment of the G. A. R. to the position of Junior Vice-Commander-in-Chief. And the following letter on the subject from one of the delegates will be found interesting in this connection :



MARBLEHEAD, MASS., June 6, 1888.

WILLIAM SIMMONS, ESQ.

DEAR COMRADE :—Yours of the 2d inst. is received. In reply I would state that I shall only be too happy to present the name of a Naval Veteran for any position in the National Encampment, G. A. R. I feel as you do, that we are neglected, but it is in part our own fault; at any rate keep me posted and you will find me for the navy first, last and all the time, but do not keep me from your plans too long. I must be posted and if you will write me as soon as you have any plans matured, and also where you will have headquarters in Columbus, you will greatly oblige,

Yours in F. C. and L.,

JOSEPH GREGORY.

In the Twenty-second National Encampment which met at Columbus, Ohio, in September, 1888, there were about nine hundred delegates and the writer supplied each one with a circular of which the following is a copy :

#### MEMORIAL FROM NAVAL VETERANS.

To the Commander-in-Chief of the Grand Army of the Republic. The Officers and delegates of the Twenty-second National Encampment—*Greeting* :

COMRADES :—Your memorialists, Naval Veterans of the late war, desire to call your attention to the fact that we believe the time has come when the selection of a naval veteran as one of the four National Officers would be a just recognition of our branch of the public service; and we believe that such a recognition even at this late day, would have a tendency to bring into the ranks of the G. A. R., many thousands of our people who for this reason alone have heretofore declined to become identified with the Order.

The original founder of the Organization intended and



expressly declared that it should consist of persons who had served in the Army and Navy during the war of the Rebellion. And there is no good reason why, in the selection of National Officers, both branches of the service should not be represented.

There are several Posts of the G. A. R. composed exclusively of naval veterans, and about 25,000 of our people are enrolled in the ranks of the Order. For several years past we have seriously contemplated the propriety of requesting recognition, but have so far yielded to the pressure from our more numerous comrades of the Army, whom we delight to see honored.

In coming before you at this time, we believe our reasonable request will receive your favorable consideration, and we invite your attention briefly to the following resolutions.

At a general meeting of Officers, Sailors and Marines, late of the U. S. Navy, held under the auspices of the National Association of Naval Veterans, in the State Capitol, Columbus, Ohio, September 10, 1888, the following resolutions introduced by Comrade William Simmons, Commander of the "Naval Post," No. 400, Department of Pennsylvania, G. A. R., were unanimously adopted.

WHEREAS—Since the formation of the Grand Army of the Republic twenty-two years ago, the naval branch of the public service has been ignored in the selection of National Officers.

AND WHEREAS—We believe the character, extent and importance of our services in the war of the Rebellion entitles us to this slight recognition, and its consummation at the present Encampment would be an act of simple justice gratefully appreciated.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED—That we, the Naval Veterans of the late war, do most respectfully appeal to the Officers and Delegates of the Twenty-second National Encampment in Convention assembled :

*First*—To place before the convention the name of Comrade Joseph Hadfield, Past Commander of Adam Goss Post, No.

330, Department of New York, for the office of Junior Vice, and elect him to that position.

*Second*—Add the anchor to the official list of badges, and have it displayed on equal footing with other Corps badges in future decorations.

*Third*—To so amend the Ritual of the Order that every place where the word “Soldier” occurs, the words “Sailors and Marines,” be added thereto.

All of which is respectfully submitted in F. C. and L. Columbus, Ohio, September 11th, 1888.

When the election of National Officers was before the convention, Comrade Joseph Gregory, of Mass., presented the name of Shipmate Joseph Hadfield for the position of Junior Vice Commander-in-Chief, and he was elected by acclamation, the formality of a ballot being dispensed with by unanimous consent; of course there was great rejoicing among our people when the result was made known.



No. 2. WILLIAM H. PLACE,  
Past National Lieutenant Commander.

No. 3. COMMANDER J. F. MACKIE,  
Past National Aid and Paymaster.

No. 1. COMMODORE F. H. GROVE,  
Past National Paymaster.

No. 4. COMMODORE W. O. SEVILLE,  
Division Chief.

No. 5. JOHN BOWERS,  
Past Commander Farragut Association



## CHAPTER VI.

Fourth annual convention and re-union at Milwaukee, Wis.,  
Officers elected. Orders of Commodore Browne. Appearance and disappearance of the “National Shipmate.”

CALL ISSUED FOR THE FOURTH CONVENTION AT  
MILWAUKEE, WIS.

GENERAL ORDER. CURRENT SERIES.

NEW YORK CITY, June 1, 1889.

SHIPMATES :—The next annual convention of this Association will be held at the South Side Rifles Armory, No. 269 Reed Street, Milwaukee, Wis., on Wednesday, August 28, at 2 P. M. It is earnestly requested that each local Association be represented by at least three delegates. Officers to serve the ensuing year are to be elected and other business of importance transacted.

During the G. A. R. Encampment, in which this date is included, Naval Veterans' headquarters will be at the above address, where a general re-union will be held each afternoon and evening, to be addressed by prominent speakers, and you are requested to assemble there on Tuesday, August 27, at 10 A. M., prepared to participate in the grand parade. Visiting Shipmates will please register name, residence and name of vessels on which they served while in the Navy. Badges can be procured from the Secretary.

The object of this Association is fully set forth in Article Third of its Constitution—“To cherish the memories and associations of the war of the Rebellion, perpetuate the glorious name and deeds of our Navy, strengthen the ties of fraternal fellowship and sympathy, maintain national honor, union, and

independence," and to consist of local associations of Naval Veterans throughout the country, who shall choose their own officers and adopt rules for their own government.

Local Associations are now organized at Philadelphia, New York, Hartford, Chicago, San Francisco, Kansas, New Orleans, Columbus and Cincinnati, Ohio, St. Louis and Kansas City, Mo., Milwaukee, St. Paul, Washington, D. C., Camden, N. J., Boston, Beverly, Salem, and Lawrence, Mass., and similar action is contemplated in other localities, believing, as we do, such a course to be mutually advantageous we do not hesitate to recommend it, wherever possible to do so.

The National Association desires to place itself on record as favoring liberal legislation for maintenance of a navy capable of protecting our extensive commerce and the interests of our people at home and abroad. And in view of its past honorable record we do not hesitate to predict for it a brilliant future, whenever called upon to vindicate the honor of the flag under which we fought and beneath whose folds so many of our ship-mates fell.

The attention of Naval Veterans generally is respectfully called to the fact that the Navy Department, under authority of Congress, is engaged in collecting and compiling for publication the official Naval Records of the war. To us this is a matter of considerable importance and our co-operation is earnestly solicited. Please forward to Prof. J. R. Soley, Navy Department, Washington, D. C., any official documents or matter of interest on the subject. He will return the same free of expense after being copied.

*Commodore*, JOS. HADFIELD, 302 E. Broadway, New York.

*Paymaster*, F. H. GROVE, 39 Burling Slip, New York.

*Secretary*, WILLIAM SIMMONS, 1432 Wharton St., Philadelphia.

## HEADQUARTERS NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF NAVAL VETERANS.

*Circular No. 1.*

COLUMBUS, O., November 1, 1889.

*To the Shipmates of the National Association of Naval Veterans,  
Greeting :*

At a meeting of the National Association of Naval Veterans, held at Milwaukee, Wis., August 28 and 29, 1889, in pursuance to a call issued by Commodore Joseph Hadfield, of New York, the following local Associations were represented :

The Farragut Association of N. V.....	Philadelphia, Pa.
The Farragut Association of N. V.....	New York, N. Y.
The Farragut Association of N. V.....	Chicago, Ills.
The United States N. V. of Kansas.....	Washington, Kas.
The Cushing Association of N. V.....	Milwaukee, Wis.
The Gulf Association of N. V.....	New Orleans, La.
The Commodore Rodgers Association of N. V.....	Cincinnati, Ohio.
The Potomac Association of N. V.....	Washington, D. C.
The Dupont Association of N. V.....	Kansas City, Mo.
The Admiral David D. Porter Association of N. V.....	Columbus, Ohio.
The Farragut Association of N. V.....	Providence, R. I.

Besides the delegates from these Associations there was a large number of Naval Veterans from all points of the country.

The following officers of the National Association were present :

Commodore Joseph Hadfield.....	New York, N. Y.
Paymaster F. H. Grove.....	New York, N. Y.
Secretary Wm. Simmons..	Philadelphia, Pa.

The Association was called to order and presided over by the Commodore, and the report of the secretary was read, approved, and placed on file.

The report of the Paymaster was also read, audited and placed on file. This report showed an indebtedness of \$110.00.



The election of Officers for the ensuing year being next in order, resulted as follows :

Commodore, Symmes E. Browne.....	Columbus, Ohio.
Commander, Wm. Simmons.....	Philadelphia, Pa.
Paymaster, F. H. Grove.....	New York, N. Y.
Surgeon, Lorenzo Traver.....	Providence, R. I.

A resolution was passed unanimously, authorizing the Commodore to appoint a secretary for the Association, in order to promote convenience and harmony of action.

In accordance with this resolution the Commodore appointed Albion P. Babbitt, of Columbus, O., Secretary; and John W. Keen, of Columbus, O., Assistant Secretary.

The following shipmates were appointed on the Executive Committee :

Wm. Simmons.....	Philadelphia, Pa.
James P. Holland.....	New York.
John A. Franklin.....	Chicago, Ills.
James Kavanaugh .....	St. Paul Minn.
P. J. McMahon.....	New Orleans, La.
C. A. Augustus.....	Milwaukee, Wis.
Isaac Newton.....	Washington, D. C.
E. P. Springer.....	Providence, R. I.
E. J. Tyrrell.....	Cincinnati, Ohio.
J. W. Keen.....	Columbus, Ohio.
S. H. Maunder.....	Washington, Kan.
A. L. Lowe.....	Kansas City, Mo.
Jeremiah J. Crowley, of the National Home.....	Milwaukee, Wis.

A resolution was passed tendering the thanks of this Association to Past Commodore Joseph Hadfield for his efficient services in behalf of the National Association of Naval Veterans during his term of office.

A resolution of thanks was also tendered to Major Wm. Warner, Commander-in-Chief, G. A. R., for his interest manifested in behalf of the Naval Veterans.

A resolution of thanks to Rank and File Post, No. 240, G. A. R. Department of Wisconsin, for the free use of their Post rooms and armory during the Re-union.



Similar resolutions were also passed in respect to Commodore Crafts, of the U. S. Revenue Cutter, "Andy Johnson," who furnished an escort of sailors during the grand parade.

A resolution was passed urging liberal legislation, by the National Government, for the maintenance of a Navy, capable at all times of protecting our extensive commerce and the interests of our people at home and abroad.

A resolution was passed to appoint a committee of three to draw up a petition to Congress to establish Naval Militia Training School Ships for boys at all principal ports of the country. Committee appointed : John Driscoll, Milwaukee; Isaac Newton, Washington, D. C., and F. H. Grove, of New York.

Whilst it is impossible to make mention of the many comrades and shipmates who aided in making the Naval Veterans enjoy themselves at Milwaukee, special mention should be made of a few who put forth extraordinary efforts in behalf of the sailors, and gave liberally of their time and money for their enjoyment: among these were shipmates John Driscoll; Augustus and Capt. Geo. Robinson; Capt. John Saverland; Capt. Jasper Humphrey; W. H. Gill; Capt. Theodore Console; Commodore W. H. Wolf and Capt. James Trowee, all citizens of Milwaukee, and interested in the shipping interests of the great lakes.

A resolution was passed encouraging members of the Naval Associations to uniform.

After action of the Executive Committee, a resolution was passed, reducing the per capita tax from fifty cents to twenty-five cents.

A resolution was passed to hold the next annual meeting of the National Association of Naval Veterans at Boston, Mass., at the same time of the National Re-union of the Grand Army of the Republic in 1890.

The Re-union of the old Naval Veterans was a success; many met shipmates indeed whom they had not seen since they were mustered out of the service of the United States.

In the grand parade there was no more attractive feature than the "jolly tars," who were cheered by the multitudes throughout the line of march.

Our National Re-unions and Annual Councils are of vast importance to the members of the National Association of Naval Veterans; and especially to the local associations, who should never fail to send a delegation to represent their organization, and bring out such action as they may see that their interests may demand.

Let the good work go on. Let all Naval Veterans take an interest in working up our list of members until the National Association of Naval Veterans shall stand the peer of the Grand Army of the Republic, and the Union Jack shall be carried in every National Re-union as long as there is a Naval Veteran to carry it.

Respectfully submitted,

SYMMES E. BROWNE,

*Commodore.*

ALBION P. BABBITT,

*Secretary.*

National Association of Naval Veterans.

*General Order No. 1.*

## HEADQUARTERS NATIONAL ASSOCIATION NAVAL VETERANS.

COLUMBUS, O., November 1, 1889.

In assuming command of the National Association of Naval Veterans, I desire to express my high appreciation of the honor conferred upon me by the National Convention, held at Milwaukee, Wis., August 28, 1889, by electing me Commodore; especially as the position was entirely unsought and unexpected. Fully appreciating the responsibility of my position, it shall be my aim to prosecute an energetic administration of the affairs

of the National Association, not only to build up its interests and enlarge its borders, but to make its influence felt wherever the interests of the shipmates shall demand. To this end it is necessary that your Commodore should have the hearty co-operation of all the officers and shipmates belonging to the organization and prompt response when called upon.

The officers of the National Association will have supervision over the Local Associations in their respective districts and work up new organizations; reporting progress to the Commodore at least once a month.

Commander Wm. Simmons will have general supervision over the Eastern States.

Paymaster F. H. Grove will have charge of the State of New York, the eastern part of the State of New Jersey and Connecticut.

Surgeon Lorenzo Traver will take care of the States of Maine, New Hampshire, Vermont, Massachusetts and Rhode Island.

The members of Executive Committee are expected to look after the interests of the National Association in their respective States, organize new associations, and make such recommendations to the Commodore as they may think advisable.

The price of charter (\$5.00) should always accompany the application for new charters.

The commanders of the Local Associations will forward to the Commodore, without delay, a report of their association; giving the names and addresses of officers and crew; date of election; time of meeting; the number of men enrolled, in good standing and dropped; the financial condition and general interest as manifested by shipmates. Also if their members are uniformed, and if there are naval veterans in their localities who should be mustered in the association and why they do not join. Also if the per capita tax (25 cents) for 1889 has been paid to the National Association.

Associations which have not paid their per capita tax for

1889 will forward the amount to Paymaster F. H. Grove, 39 Burling Slip, New York, N. Y., at the earliest possible date, as the officers of the National Association are hampered in their work for want of funds.

Finding a general complaint of the expense of the National Association badge and the button, steps are being taken to secure them at greatly reduced prices. If orders can be secured by the Commodore for 500 each of the badges and buttons, the price can be reduced to about \$1.50 for the badge, and 50 cents for the buttons, and if the number guaranteed to be taken can be raised to one thousand (1,000), these prices can be greatly reduced—the buttons to twenty-five cents.

The Commanders or Secretaries of the Local Associations will forward to Secretary A. P. Babbitt, No. 21 E. First Ave., Columbus, O., requisitions for as many as they can use or dispose of. Let every member of the Association secure a badge and button. The small profit to the National Association will help to clear it of debt.

Let every officer and every shipmate show his zeal in our cause by doing all he can to work up the interest of the “National Association of Naval Veterans.” Organize new Associations—recruit new members—secure the best men possible—purchase and wear the National Association badge and button. Secure the public interest in our Association, and make a general advance, and at the end of another year we will be surprised at our victory.

“Never mind the torpedoes! Go ahead!”

By order of

SYMMES E. BROWNE,

*Commodore.*

ALBION P. BABBITT,

*Secretary.*

## CHAPTER VII.

Fifth annual convention and re-union at Boston, Mass. Circular from the Kearsarge association. Officers elected. Orders of Commodore W. S. Wells.

*General Order No. 2.*

The next convention of the National Association of Naval Veterans, will be held in the Banta Hall, on Washington Street, corner of Union Park Street, August 12, 13 and 14, 1890.

“All hands ” will muster at 9 A. M. sharp, Tuesday, August 12, to take part in the grand parade of the G. A. R.

The Executive Committee will meet at 7.30 P. M., August 12, to consider subjects of interest, to present to the convention. Every member is earnestly requested to be present.

The convention will be convened at 10 A. M., Wednesday, August 13, when all members and delegates will present their credentials and such Associations as have not paid their per capita tax will settle with the Paymaster before they are entitled to representation in the convention. Every local Association is earnestly enjoined to have their representatives “on deck,” with their credentials properly signed by the Commander and Secretary.

The commanders of local associations will forward to the Commodore without delay, a report of their association; giving the names and addresses of officers and crew; the date of election; time of meeting; the number of men enrolled, in good standing and dropped; the financial condition and general interest as manifested by shipmates. Also if their per capita tax has been paid.

There has never been a time since the war when our shipmates needed others help more than at present, when the thousands of

“dependant pensioners” will want to prove their claims by shipmates who served on vessels with them during the war. The greatest aid that can be had is through the National Association of Naval Veterans.

Our National Re-unions and Annual Councils are of vast importance to the members of the National Association of Naval Veterans, and especially to the local associations, who should never fail to send delegates to represent their organization, and bring out such action as they may see that their interests may demand.

Let every Naval Veteran who sees this circular, send his name, the name of the vessels served on, and the dates of his shipments on each, to the Secretary of the National Association for record.

By order of

SYMMES E. BROWNE,

*Commodore.*

106 Cleveland Avenue, Columbus, O.

ALBION P. BABBITT,

*Secretary.*

21 E. First Avenue, Columbus, O.

### “THE NATIONAL SHIPMATE”

Was the name of a small four page newspaper issued from Dayton, Ohio, in February, 1890. There was nothing National about it but the name; that we needed such a paper will be generally admitted, but this particular publication unfortunately seemed to be controlled by an unprincipled adventurer who was deficient not only in the means to carry it on, but also in the requisite intelligence for its proper management.

It was intended to be a monthly paper, and after collecting a year's subscription from several hundreds of our people its publication was suspended after the issue of four or five numbers.

Its publisher was first heard from in Dayton, Ohio, after-

wards in Cincinnati, Racine, Wisconsin, Philadelphia, and Boston, but the last number of the paper was issued from New York.

Some of our more prominent shipmates in New York and the East suffered serious financial loss from the swindling propensities of the publisher, by bogus checks and worthless drafts. Similar tactics were resorted to in Philadelphia, but not with the same degree of success. It is well, therefore, that the paper died in its infancy because it was from the beginning calculated to do more harm than good. Its unwarranted and uncalled for abuse of some of our most prominent workers contributed largely to the downfall of what might have been an interesting and useful publication.

#### FIFTH ANNUAL CONVENTION.

At the Re-union held in Boston, during the session of the G. A. R. Encampment, the Naval Veterans participated in the grand parade, being assigned a position in the extreme left of the line.

The "Kearsarge" Naval Veteran Association of Boston contributed very largely to the success of the occasion and deserve honorable mention for the courtesy and hospitality extended to visiting shipmates.

The following copy of a circular issued by them indicated their interest in the success of the Re-union :

#### KEARSARGE ASSOCIATION OF NAVAL VETERANS.

Station, 1151 Washington Street.

BOSTON, July 24, 1890.

Naval Circular for the Grand Parade, August 12, 1890.

By vote of the Executive Committee of the Kearsarge Association, the following details have been arranged for the grand parade to be given on Tuesday, August 12, 1890.



Commodore Symmes E. Browne, Commander of the National Association of Naval Veterans, by virtue of his position, shall be the commanding officer of the Naval Division, together with his Staff.

The Kearsarge Association of Naval Veterans, Commodore Paul H. Kendricken, and the Naval Veteran Legion, Commodore Charles Lawrence, being independent naval organizations, will act as escort to such National Associations of Naval Veterans as shall be present. The National Associations will be assigned positions in line according to seniority of charter. Individual veterans belonging to naval associations, who may be present, may parade either as a body or by invitation in any of the National Associations.

The Naval Division will be in the rear of the Massachusetts Department of the G. A. R. It is possible that the North Atlantic Squadron will send a delegation from the different ships to act as escort to the Naval Division. The Kearsarge Association will be at the Boston & Providence Station on the morning of August 11, and receive the National Commodore and Staff of the Naval Veterans, the Farragut Association of Naval Veterans, the Naval Veteran Legion and Naval Post, No. 400, all of Philadelphia; also the naval veterans from New York and New Jersey, and such other naval associations as may arrive at the same time, and escort them to the headquarters of the Kearsarge Association at Banta Hall, corner of Union Park and Washington Streets, where breakfast will be served.

MARTIN L. WHITE, *Captain*.

M. H. CLEAVES, *Commander*.

R. P. BOSS, *Lieut. Commander*.

W. A. ABBOTT, *Lieutenant*.

S. B. CLAPP, *Paymaster*.

THOS. B. GAMMON, *Asst. Paymaster*.

WILLIAM B. DALEY, *Executive Committee*.



The following interesting account of the Re-union and Convention is copied from the Grand Army and Navy News of Boston, September, 1889.

#### NAVAL VETERANS' CONVENTION.

WILLIAM S. WELLS, OF NEW HAVEN, UNANIMOUSLY ELECTED COMMODORE. OTHER OFFICERS CHOSEN AT THE ANNUAL MEETING.

The annual convention of the National Association of Naval Veterans was held at Banta's Hall, Washington and Union Park Streets, August 13th.

Commodore Symmes E. Browne, of Columbus, O., occupied the chair.

The forenoon session was devoted to a discussion of the by-laws of the organization. It was voted to elect, after this year, an admiral, vice-admiral and rear admiral, in addition to the present officers.

The afternoon session was called to order at 2.30 by Com. Brown, who again presided.

Delegates were present from the following organizations: Farragut Association, of Cincinnati, Farragut Association, of Providence, Naval Association, of Chicago, Falls City Naval Association, of Kentucky, Gulf Naval Veteran Association, of New Orleans, Hartford Association, of Hartford, Essex Association, of Lawrence, Minnesota Association, California Legion, of San Francisco, Cushing Association, of Milwaukee, Potomac Veterans, of Washington, Kansas Association, of Kansas City, Dupont Association, of Dayton, Ohio.

On motion of William Simmons a set of resolutions were adopted, the last two parts of which read as follows :

*WHEREAS*, It is our unanimous opinion that the proper development of our commercial resources requires the maintenance of a navy, capable at all times of protecting our extensive commerce and the interests of our people at home and abroad.

*Resolved*, That we pledge ourselves as individuals and as an association to use all honorable means in our power to develop and strengthen this popular branch of the public service and urge upon Congress liberal legislation in its behalf.

William S. Wells, of New Haven, was declared unanimously elected Commodore. Com. Wells was called upon for a speech. His remarks were both forcible and entertaining as well as appropriate.

Commander Wells was received with great enthusiasm. The new commander entered the navy in 1862, and was discharged in 1870. He was engineer of the New Ironsides, and was with that vessel from the time she went South till she left the service. He is an affable, interesting gentleman of about 45 years, is a good speech-maker, and takes pride in the naval veterans.

Other officers were elected as follows: Captain, B. S. Osbon, of New York; Commander, P. J. McMahon, of New Orleans; First Lieutenant, Edward J. Tyrrell, of Cincinnati; Second Lieutenant, John Driscoll, of Wisconsin; Chaplain, Rev. Robert Edwards, of New York; Paymaster, John F. Mackie, of Philadelphia; Surgeon, Lorenzo Traver, of Providence.

The paymaster's report showed the year's expenses to have been \$181.60, while the receipts were \$196.75.

### NAVAL DIVISION.

THE FOLLOWING IS A ROSTER OF THE VETERANS THAT PARADED IN THE NAVAL DIVISION, AUGUST 12TH.

Commander-in-Chief Symmes E. Browne, Commodore of National Association of Naval Veterans. Staff, Lorenzo H. Traver, of Providence, R. I.; John H. Dougherty and Thomas B. Gammon, of Boston.

Taunton Military Band, 27 pieces.

Kearsarge Association of Naval Veterans, Boston, 200 men, Commander, Commodore Paul H. Kendrick.

Naval Veteran Legion, Philadelphia, 100 men, Isaac K. Archer, Commander. These were the guests of the Kearsarge Association.

Naval Post 516, New York, 40 men, B. S. Osbon, Acting Commander.

Farragut Naval Veterans, New York, 20 men, Lewis Richards, Commander.

Edwin A. Stevens Post, 104, Hoboken, N. J., 20 men, E. D. Egbert, Commander; Senior Vice-Commander, McFadden; Officer of the Day, William Nolan; Chaplain, James Nolan.

Connecticut Naval Veterans, Hartford, 9 men, F. B. Allen, Commander. About 26 members of this association were scattered throughout the column with their posts.

Farragut Association of Naval Veterans, Providence, R. I., 40 men, William H. Place, Commander.

Farragut Association, Philadelphia, 50 men, Commodore William Simmons, Commander.

Farragut Naval Association of the West, 6 men, A. P. Johnson, Commander.

Cushing Naval Veteran Association, of Milwaukee, Wis., delegation of three.

Minnesota Naval Veteran Association, one delegate.

Three Falls Naval Veterans, Louisville, Ky., one delegate.

## THE ADMINISTRATION OF COMMODORE WELLS. NATIONAL ASSOCIATION NAVAL VETERANS OF THE U. S.

36 Meadow Street, New Haven, Conn.

*General Order No. 1.*

SEPTEMBER 16, 1890.

SHIPMATES :—At the Fifth Annual Convention of the National Association of Naval Veterans, held in Boston, on August 13, the following officers were elected for the ensuing year :

Commodore Commanding, Wm. S. Wells, New Haven, Conn.

Captain, B. S. Osbon, 173 Greenwich Street, New York, N. Y.

Commander, P. J. McMahon, 126 St. Joseph Street, New Orleans, La.

Lieutenant-Commander, James Kavanaugh, corner Simms and Russell Streets, St. Paul, Minn.

Lieutenant, Edward J. Tyrrell, Ninth and Plum Streets, Cincinnati, O.

Lieutenant, John Driscoll, 190 Erie Street, Milwaukee, Wis.

Surgeon, Lorenzo Traver, 203 High Street, Providence, R. I.

Paymaster, John F. Mackie, 619 Spruce Street, Philadelphia, Pa.

Chaplain, Rev. Robert Edwards, 437 Munroe Street, Brooklyn, N. Y.

By virtue of the above election I hereby assume command, and make the following appointments as Aides on my Staff, with rank of Lieutenant-Commander :

Francis B. Allen, 61 Williard Street, Hartford, Conn., Naval Veteran Association of Conn.

Wm. J. Ferguson, 1518 South Fifth Street, Philadelphia, Farragut Naval Veteran Association, Philadelphia.

Douglas F. O'Brien, 68 Cranberry Street, Brooklyn, N. Y., Farragut Naval Veteran Association of N. Y.

D. B. Hubbard, care First National Bank, Chicago, Ill., Farragut Naval Veteran Association of Chicago.

J. E. Gidding, 114 Cabot Street, Beverly, Mass., Essex Naval Veteran Association, Salem.

Thomas G. Herron, Northwest corner Sixth and Walnut Streets, Cincinnati, O., Commodore Rogers Naval Veteran Association of Cincinnati, O.

J. J. Crowley, National Home, Milwaukee, Wis., Cushing Naval Veteran Association.

H. J. Barber, 1268 Payne Avenue, St. Paul, Minn., Minnesota Naval Veteran Association.

N. C. Reed, 77 Eighth Avenue, Columbus, O., David D. Porter Naval Veteran Association of Columbus, O.

Stephen F. Blanding, City Hall, Providence, R. I., Farragut Naval Veteran Association of Providence.

John Wise, Dayton, Ohio, Admiral Dahlgren Naval Veteran Association of Dayton, O.

Geo. Fritelmer, Louisville, Ky., Three Falls City Naval Veteran Association, Louisville, Ky.

Other Aides will be appointed when nominations are made by the Commanders of Associations not enumerated above.

Francis B. Allen is hereby appointed Senior Aide, and from the nature of his commercial business, will probably have an opportunity during the year of visiting all the Associations of the country and give such instruction and advice as to be of material benefit to us all.

Special Orders will be issued to Aides at an early date.

I hereby appoint John C. Jackson, P. O. Drawer No. 97, New Haven, Conn., as Secretary.

The Executive Committee will consist of :

Henry McGinnis Philadelphia, Pa. Farragut Naval Veteran Association of Philadelphia.

James P. Holland, 225 Eleventh Street, New York Farragut Naval Veteran Association of New York.

Samuel P. Crafts, New Haven, Conn., Connecticut Naval Veteran Association.

T. L. Johnson, 150 Lake Street, Chicago, Ill., Farragut Naval Veteran Association of Chicago.

Warren Porter, Danvers, Mass., Essex Naval Veteran Association of Salem.

Joseph Duke, 151 Clinton Street, Milwaukee, Wis., Cushing Naval Veteran Association.

George J. Pinkhart, 34 St. Charles Street, New Orleans, La., Naval Veteran Association of the Gulf.

S. J. Denight, 85 East Fifth Street, Cincinnati, O., Commodore Rogers Naval Veteran Association.

John Ryan, U. S. Armory Building, St. Paul, Minn., Minnesota Naval Veteran Association.

Past Com. Symmes E. Browne, 106 Cleveland Avenue, Columbus, O., D. D. Porter Naval Veteran Association of Columbus.

Samuel E. Groves, Olneyville, R. I., Farragut Naval Veteran Association of Providence, R. I.

Charles H. Leaman, Hollen Camp Building, Dayton, O., Admiral Dahlgren Naval Veteran Association.

According to Article XI of our Constitution, Commander P. J. McMahon is Chairman *ex-officio* of the Executive Committee.

Past Commander Wm. Simmons, 1432 Wharton Street, Philadelphia, is hereby appointed Historian.

In assuming the honor conferred upon me, I feel the responsibility and realize the labor inseparable from the position, but, at the same time, I feel greatly encouraged for our immediate success in the assistance and co-operation I am receiving from the most excellent corps of officers you have chosen.

Your commanding officer may make errors or unintentional omissions in the work assigned him, and it is earnestly requested that should such mistakes occur, it will be the duty of those interested to communicate freely to these headquarters, for his object is not selfish, but for unity, harmony and mutual benefit.

A report of the business transacted at our Boston Convention will be issued later.

Let us pull together, bring to the ship all those who are at liberty ashore, enlist them in some local body, and then merge these Associations of the country into the National Association, under the Navy standard of the Union Jack.

The days of our activity will not last long, we are nearing the shore, but while we are afloat let us finish this remnant of our cruise of life in unity of purpose and harmony. Let us be faithful in our declining years as we stood by each other in the days of our youth and strength, amid death and danger, and the perils of the sea, while fighting for the preservation of this great Republic, so when the end shall come, and we shall have reached the unknown shore, we may be deemed worthy to enter that Eternal Haven, and dwell forever in rest and peace with the great commanders under whom we once served, and the thousands of shipmates who have gone before us.

Fraternally,

WM. S. WELLS,

*Commodore Commanding National Association Naval Veterans  
of the U. S.*

JOHN C. JACKSON,

*Secretary.*



LORENZO TRAVER, M. D.  
Past National Fleet Surgeon.







*General Order No. 2.*

NOVEMBER 29, 1890.

SHIPMATES :—Agreeably to announcement in General Order No. 1, I herewith give a synopsis of the business transacted at our convention held in Boston, August 13. The following Associations were represented by duly accredited delegates :

Farragut Naval Veteran Association, of Philadelphia.  
 Farragut Naval Veteran Association, of New York.  
 Farragut Naval Veteran Association, of Providence, R. I.  
 Essex Naval Veteran Association, of Salem.  
 Commodore Rogers Naval Veteran Association, of Cincinnati, O.  
 Admiral Dahlgren Naval Veteran Association, of Dayton, O.  
 Naval Veteran Association, of Connecticut.  
 Cushing Naval Veteran Association, of Milwaukee, Wis.  
 Naval Veteran Association of the Gulf, of New Orleans, La.  
 David D. Porter Naval Veteran Association, of Columbus, O.  
 Three Falls Cities Naval Veteran Association, of Louisville, Ky.

The election of officers has been previously announced.

The following resolutions were passed.

Appointing a committee to petition Congress to erect a monument in the City of Washington, to the memory and services of Admiral John A. Dahlgren and Col. Ulric Dahlgren.

At our next convention, there shall be elected an Admiral, Vice-Admiral and Rear Admiral, in addition to the present officers.

To appoint a committee to revise the constitution and by-laws and prepare a ritual.

To request the Navy Department to accord the inmates of the Naval Home in Philadelphia, the same privilege of using their pensions, as is given the Veterans of National Homes.

To urge the Senate to concur with the House of Representatives, in the bill passed by the latter body, to transfer the management of the Revenue Marine from the Treasury Department to the Navy Department.

A petition to be presented to Congress urging the passage of a law to compel all Steamboat Companies and those engaged in

carrying passengers and freight on the lakes and inland waters of the United States, to have a sufficient number of competent crew, for the protection of life and property.

To request our Senators and Representatives to pass Senate Bill 2968 for the creation of a Naval reserve, also to construct an armed and protected steel vessel at some shipyard on the lakes for service thereon.

That the Commanders of every Naval Veteran Association of the country appoint a committee from their association, to ascertain how many Naval Veterans are employed in the National, State or Municipal Departments of the government in their immediate vicinity.

Commanders of all associations will attend to this request without further orders and report to these headquarters as quickly as possible.

All of the above resolutions have been referred to proper committees and the business is now receiving attention or has already been completed. There were some other matters of minor detail not of sufficient and universal interest to report in this order.

The following votes of thanks were unanimously passed:

To Past Commodore Symmes E. Browne for his valuable services during his administration.

To Past Paymaster F. H. Groves, for his long, faithful and efficient service.

To the citizens of Boston, and Committee of Arrangements for their royal hospitality and perfect arrangements for our comfort and pleasure during encampment week.

To Kearsarge Naval Association of Boston, for their generous hospitality, kindly greeting, and the use of their headquarters.

On the 16th of October, ult., a charter was issued to The Naval Veteran Association of Cincinnati, O.

The following are additional appointments as Aides on my Staff :

John R. Berry, U. S. Naval Veteran Association of the Gulf,  
331 St. Louis Street, New Orleans, La.

William E. Atkins, The Naval Veteran Association of Cincinnati, 5 Eastbourne Terrace, Cincinnati, O.

D. P. Adams, David D. Porter Association Naval Veterans, Columbus, O., 49 East Chestnut Street, in place of N. C. Reed, resigned on account of ill health. Also, the following as members of the Executive Committee :

John W. Edmonson, Three Falls Cities Naval Veteran Association of Louisville, Ky., 258 E. Sye Street, New Albany, Indiana.

S. J. Denight, The Naval Veteran Association of Cincinnati, 85 East 5th Street, Cincinnati, O.

The address of Charles P. Holland, of the Executive Committee, should be 225 11th Street, Brooklyn, N. Y.

The address of John Ryan, of the Executive Committee, is 539 Laurel Avenue, St. Paul, Minn.

Another order will be issued as soon as full details are completed in regard to our re-union and convention at Detroit. But in the meanwhile work up your Association to the importance of mustering on that occasion in numbers and appearance, that the merits of your past service suggests.

Fraternally,

WILLIAM S. WELLS,

*Commodore Commanding National Association of Naval Veterans.*

Official:

JOHN C. JACKSON,

*Secretary.*

Since General Order No. 2 was issued, I am pleased to announce that charters have been issued to the following new Associations:

January 22, 1891, The Naval Veteran Association of Maryland, Baltimore, Md. W. O. Saville, Commander. H. F. Dorton, Secretary.

February 14, 1891, The Naval Veteran Association of Illinois, Chicago, Ill. D. B. Hubbard, Commander. Thomas L. Johnson, Secretary.

March 12, 1891, The Shirk Naval Veteran Association of Erie, Erie, Pa. Nicholas Leuschen, Commander. Abraham J. Louch, Secretary.

April 23, 1891, The Thomas A. Budd Naval Veteran Association, Buffalo, N. Y. Alex. G. Fortier, Commander. Edward Sniggs, Secretary.

The Three Falls Cities Naval Veteran Association, of Louisville, have changed their name to that of "Admiral D. D. Porter Naval Veteran Association." J. W. Edmonson, Commander, P. W. Hagar, Secretary.

The following appointments are hereby announced :

#### AIDES ON NATIONAL STAFF.

Louis Bennett, of The Maryland Association of Naval Veterans, Baltimore, Md.

W. A. Daniels, of The Naval Veteran Association of Illinois, Chicago.

George C. Neil, of The Thomas A. Budd Association of Naval Veterans, Erie, Pa.

Peter Leuschen, of The Shirk Naval Veteran Association of Buffalo, N. Y.

It becomes my painful duty to report the death on the 29th ult., of Shipmate William C. Staples, Commander of "The Naval Veteran Association of Connecticut." Captain Staples was widely and most favorably known, and was endeared to all who had the good fortune to meet him. He served his country as an Acting Master in the U. S. Navy, from November 22, 1861, until November 15, 1865, and was attached to the U. S. S. "Tuscarora," "Savannah," "Iosko," and "Florida," and performed special duty in N. Y. Navy Yard. He was a Past Commander of "Harry McDonough" Post 63, Department of Connecticut, G. A. R., and has been identified in many efforts that were productive of benefit to the veterans of the war. He will be sadly missed by "The Connecticut Association of Naval Veterans," and the community in which he resided. His absence will be felt in a marked degree at our future re-unions. His honorable cruise of life is finished, and he has reached the "Haven of Rest and Peace," his memory revered by all.

## CHAPTER VIII.

Sixth annual convention and re-union at Detroit, Mich., and proceedings thereof. Officers elected. Change of title of senior officer to Rear Admiral. Re-election unanimously of Shipmate W. S. Wells. Orders and appointments.

## THE SIXTH ANNUAL CONVENTION

Which assembled in Detroit, Michigan, August 5, 1891, changed the grade of Senior Officer from Commodore to that of Rear Admiral.

Shipmate Wells, by his re-election, was the first to receive that distinguished title. His first general order is interesting:

NATIONAL ASSOCIATION NAVAL VETERANS OF  
THE U. S.

36 Meadow Street, New Haven, Conn.

*General Order No. 1.*

AUGUST 24, 1891.

SHIPMATES:—Our sixth annual convention was held in Court Room No. 1, City Hall, Detroit, Michigan, on the 5th inst. The following associations were represented by duly accredited delegates, viz:

- The Farragut Association, of Philadelphia.
- The Farragut Association, of New York.
- The Naval Veteran Association, of Connecticut.
- The Essex Veteran Association, of Salem, Mass.
- The Cushing Naval Veteran Association, of Milwaukee, Wis.
- The Naval Veteran Association of the Gulf, New Orleans, La.
- The Minnesota Association, of St. Paul, Minn.
- The David D. Porter Association, of Columbus, O.
- The Farragut Association, of Providence, R. I.
- The Admiral Dahlgren Association, of Dayton, O.
- The David D. Porter Association, of Louisville, Ky.

The Naval Veteran Association, of Cincinnati, O.  
 The Maryland Naval Veteran Association, of Baltimore, Md.  
 The Illinois Association, of Chicago, Ill.  
 The Admiral Dupont Association, of Fort Worth, Texas.  
 The Thos. A. Buell Association, of Buffalo, N. Y.

The following officers were elected for the ensuing year :

Rear Admiral Commanding, Wm. S. Wells, New Haven, Conn.  
 Commodore, B. S. Osbon, 197 Pearl Street, New York.  
 Captain, D. B. Hubbard, care First National Bank, Chicago Ill.  
 Commander, Will E. Atkins, 5 Eastbourne Terrace, Cincinnati, O.  
 Lieutenant-Commander, Wm. H. Place, 19 Bowen Street, Olneyville, R. I.  
 Senior Lieutenant, A. L. Lowe, Fort Worth, Texas.  
 Lieutenant, J. W. Keene, 27 South Washington Street, Columbus, O.  
 Surgeon, A. Trego Shertzer, 1102 East Baltimore Street, Baltimore, Md.  
 Paymaster, A. G. Fortier, 335 Hampshire Street, Buffalo, N. Y.  
 Chaplain, Rev. Robt. Edwards, 623 Jefferson Street, Brooklyn, N. Y.

*General Order No. 3.*

JANUARY 5, 1892.

SHIPMATES:—The following associations have been added to the National since previous order :

November 6th. The Naval Veteran Legion of Philadelphia. Commodore, Charles Lawrence, 28 Delaware Avenue, Philadelphia, Pa.; Secretary, Jas. B. Nicholson, 421 Walnut Street, Philadelphia, Pa.

November 18th. [Re-organized.] The Potomac Association of Naval Veterans of Washington, D. C. Commander, Isaac Newton, 1510 Fifth Street, N. W., Washington, D. C.; Secretary, John H. King, 528 Eighth Street, S. E., Washington, D. C.

December 3d. The Cumberland Association of Naval Veterans, New Bedford, Mass. Commodore, Geo. P. Gifford, P. O. Box 488, New Bedford, Mass.; Secretary, Geo. H. Palmer, Room 6, Roberson Building, New Bedford, Mass.

December 18th. The Central New York Naval Veteran Association, Amsterdam, N. Y.

On November 6, your commanding officer and several members of his staff, Commodore B. S. Osbon, and several shipmates from New York, Commodore Saville of Baltimore, Commander Isaac Newton of Washington, and other visiting shipmates were tendered a very pleasant reception in Philadelphia, by "The Naval Veteran Legion," "The Farragut Association of Naval

Vets.," and Naval Post 400, G. A. R., and I hereby extend an acknowledgment of the hospitality and marked attention shown us. The result of this grand re-union was the most gratifying vote of " 'The Naval Legion ' " of Philadelphia to ally themselves, with their 300 good men and true, under the standard of the National Association.

The Potomac Association referred to is not a new organization, but through the energetic efforts of Commander Isaac Newton and others, with the material aid of Chief-of-Staff Allen, new timbers have been added, and the reconstructed ship is now in commission, with the prospect of a most prosperous cruise. This association will be of invaluable aid to us on the occasion of the Twenty-sixth National Encampment, and they are now preparing for that event.

We are also pleased to welcome the Cumberland Association of New Bedford, with its 65 earnest and zealous officers and members. It is one of those recently formed, having been organized April 3, 1891, and on the 3d ult., by unanimous vote, united with us. We are gratified to see the shipmates of Amsterdam, N. Y., have at last come together, and their association is the last addition to date of our National order.

*General Order No. 4.*

APRIL 26, 1892.

SHIPMATES:—An unusual length of time has elapsed since issuing a previous order, which, however, must not be interpreted as a lack of interest on the part of your commanding officer in your behalf, but it has not been necessary, as the correspondence with the different associations have been of such a satisfactory nature, that nothing of special importance required a General Order. All is working well and harmonious in every direction, and we are daily adding to our numbers, and the zeal and interest has not abated. Since Order No. 3, charters have been issued to



The Commodore Perry Naval Veteran Association, Cleveland, O., organized January 11th. Commander, A. B. Woodward, 90 Elton Street, Cleveland, O.; Secretary, H. V. Garrett, 145 Water Street, Cleveland, O.

The Michigan Association of Naval Veterans, Detroit, Mich., organized January 11th. Commander, Henry Reany, 935 Congress Street, Detroit, Mich.; Secretary, John G. Lewis, 321 National Avenue, Detroit, Mich.

And other organizations will, no doubt, be duly instituted in the near future.

The following nominations are hereby confirmed:

*National Aides.*

R. S. Critchell, Major Block, Chicago, Ill., Farragut Naval Veteran Association of Chicago.

Geo. J. Pinckard, 313 Jackson Street, New Orleans, Naval Veteran Association of the Gulf.

Robt. McWilliams, 11 Rowland Street, Detroit, Michigan Association of Naval Veterans.

Wm. C. Jayred, East Cleveland, O., Commodore Perry Naval Veteran Association.

John S. Maxwell, Amsterdam, N. Y., Central New York Naval Veteran Association.

Your Commanding Officer takes this opportunity to extend thanks to the Maryland Association of Naval Veterans for the demonstration and kindly reception tendered him and his staff, and visiting shipmates, on the evening of February 1. The elaborate preparation for my visit, and the marked attention and enthusiasm by this effort on the part of the Maryland Association, and good citizens of Baltimore, with the escort of a battalion of the 4th Maryland Infantry, Duschane Post G. A. R., and the material assistance of the Baltimore & Ohio R. R. Co., shows this effort is only an introductory to the more elaborate preparation and reception the shipmates of the country may expect at their September re-union in that city. Therefore it is a duty you owe yourselves, and to them, to prepare for this grand rally, by recruiting our ranks, and providing a fund for needed expenses, that we may be able to appear in that city in our full strength.

As previously announced, our seventh re-union will be held in Baltimore on the 15th, 16th and 17th of September, at which



time we will be the guests of the City of Baltimore and the Maryland Association of Naval Veterans.

National headquarters will be at the Carrollton Hotel. The headquarters of shipmates will be at Grand Army Hall, 416 East Baltimore Street.

On the eve of Thursday, the 15th inst., the re-union will open by a reception and banquet at the Lyceum Theatre, at 8 o'clock, with an address of welcome by Mayor Latrobe, and other speaking and exercises.

On the 16th, the convention will be held at the Lyceum Theatre, commencing at 9 A. M., and delegates and those entitled to a vote are requested to be promptly on hand to answer roll call.

It affords me pleasure to introduce to our shipmates the members of the Herrick Blue Naval Veterans Association of Zanesville, Ohio, to whom a charter was issued on the 16th of June. The State of Ohio now leads in number of Naval Veterans Associations, this one making the fifth.

S. S. Russell, 161 Main Street, Zanesville, O., was elected Commander.

Dr. W. E. Atwell, cor. Muskingum Avenue and Pine Street, Zanesville, O., was elected Secretary.

## CHAPTER IX.

Seventh Annual Convention and Re-union at Baltimore, Md.  
 Officers elected. Circular from the Farragut Association, of Philadelphia. Orders and appointments of Rear Admiral B. S. Osbon. Program of Re-union at Washington, D. C.

Circular from the Baltimore Association :

BALTIMORE, MD.

The National Encampment of the Naval Veterans of the United States will take place in this city on September the 15th, 16th and 17th, 1892. It will be the first Grand Rally of the Veterans of the Navy of the late war. On the last day, September 17th, there will be a grand parade which will be reviewed by the President of the United States and his Cabinet. The White Squadron will assemble here and participate.

The Naval Veteran Association of Maryland extend a cordial invitation to all Naval Veterans of the United States who served in the late war to be with us, whether they are members of Naval Veterans Associations or not. Sleeping accommodations will be provided in halls for all those who do not wish to stop at hotels.

W. O. SAVILLE.

Circular issued by the Philadelphia Association :

FARRAGUT ASSOCIATION OF NAVAL VETERANS  
 TO NATIONAL ASSOCIATION NAVAL VETERANS  
 OF THE U. S.

*In Convention Assembled at Baltimore, Md.*

PHILADELPHIA, September 5, 1892.

SHIPMATES:—At a regular stated meeting, held on the above date, the following resolution was adopted :

*Resolved*, That this Association recommends for and presents the name of Shipmate William Simmons for the position of Rear Admiral of the National Association of Naval Veterans.

Shipmate William Simmons has an honorable record of service in the United States Navy during the entire four years of the late war, and as a prominent worker in this Association for the past twenty-seven years; twenty years of which time he was Secretary. He has also served as Secretary, Commander and Historian of the National organization.

This being the oldest Association of Naval Veterans in the United States, trusts that its claim for recognition at this time will receive your favorable consideration, because we present a candidate popular and well known among our people as a writer, worker and speaker, possessing a national reputation deserving of honorable mention.

JAMES E. BOYLE,  
*Commander.*

JOHN R. PEDRICK.  
*Lieut. Commander.*

JOHN F. MACKIE,  
*Secretary.*

WM. J. FERGUSON,  
*Paymaster.*

#### THE SEVENTH ANNUAL CONVENTION

Met at the Lyceum Theatre, Baltimore, Md., September 16, 1892. Bradley S. Osbon, of New York, was elected Senior Officer.

His principal orders and appointments are as follows :

NATIONAL ASSOCIATION NAVAL VETERANS  
U. S. OF A.

84 South Street, New York, N. Y.

OCTOBER 30, 1892.

SHIPMATES:—By virtue of my election to the office of Rear Admiral Commanding, at the Seventh Annual Convention,

held at Baltimore, Md., September 16, 1892, I hereby assume command, with National headquarters established at 84 South Street, New York City.

The following associations were represented at the Baltimore Convention by duly accredited delegates:

1. Farragut Association, Philadelphia, Pa.
2. Farragut Association, New York, N. Y.
3. Naval Veteran Association, Connecticut.
4. Farragut Association, Chicago, Ill.
5. Essex Association, Salem Mass.
6. Minnesota Association, St. Paul, Minn.
7. D. D. Porter Association, Columbus, Ohio.
8. Admiral Dahlgren Association, Dayton, Ohio.
9. Farragut Association, Providence, R. I.
10. D. D. Porter Association, Louisville, Ky.
11. Naval Veteran Association, Cincinnati, Ohio.
12. Naval Veteran Association, Baltimore, Md.
13. Naval Veteran Association, Chicago, Ill.
14. Thomas A. Budd Association, Buffalo, N. Y.
15. Admiral Dupont Association, Fort Worth, Texas.
16. Naval Veteran Legion, Philadelphia, Pa.
17. Potomac Association, Washington, D. C.
18. Cumberland Association, New Bedford, Mass.
19. Central New York Association, Amsterdam, N. Y.
20. Michigan Association, Detroit, Mich.
21. Monitor Association, Brooklyn, N. Y.

The following National Officers were elected for the ensuing year :

Rear Admiral Commanding, B. S. Osbon, New York City.  
 Commodore, Francis B. Allen, Hartford, Conn.  
 Captain, Cyrus Sears, Baltimore, Md.  
 Commander, C. H. Leaman, Dayton, Ohio.  
 Lieutenant Commander, V. D. Woodruff, Rockford, Ill.  
 Senior Lieutenant, C. P. Bragg, McKinley, Mich.  
 Junior Lieutenant, Joseph H. McClees, Philadelphia, Pa.  
 Fleet Surgeon, A. Trego Shertzer, Baltimore, Md.  
 Fleet Paymaster, Alexander G. Fortier, Buffalo, N. Y.  
 Fleet Engineer, Samuel Bickerstaff, Cincinnati, Ohio.  
 Fleet Chaplain, Rev. Samuel Alman, New York.

I hereby appoint George W. Bostwick, National Secretary, with headquarters at 84 South Street, New York, N. Y.; W.

E. Goodnough, of New Haven, Conn., National Boatswain, and Past Commander William Simmons, of Philadelphia, Pa., National Historian; Past National Commander Will E. Atkins, of Cincinnati, O., is hereby appointed Senior Aide and Chief of Staff, Western Division.

I hereby appoint Past Commander William Simmons, 1432 Wharton Street, Philadelphia, Pa., Historian of the National Association, whose duty it will be to prepare a brief history of all local associations, and it is hereby ordered that commanding officers will furnish him, through their secretaries, with the date of their organization, place where organized, names of charter members, past and present officers, number of active members, after whom the association was named, and such other data as will tend to add to the value of their association history. Division chiefs will be appointed in due course, as it is the intention of your commanding officer to increase the numbers and efficiency of the National Association by all the means within his power, and to that end additional Division Chiefs of Staff will be appointed, whose duties it will be to represent and aid him in the formation and establishment of new associations; to muster them in and to represent the National Commander at all public ceremonies in their immediate localities, and to more thoroughly awaken an increased interest in the present associations, and among our people generally.

Commanding officers of each association will without delay send in the name of a competent shipmate to fill the following positions : One Aide for the Rear Admiral's Staff, one member of the Executive Committee, one member of the World's Columbian Committee of Naval Veterans, and one alternate for the same.

Fraternally,

B. S. OSBON.

*Rear-Admiral Commanding.*

Official.

GEO. W. BOSTWICK,

*National Secretary.*

*General Order No. 2.*

NOVEMBER 30, 1892.

In accordance with the announcement made in General Order No. 1, and for the more extended and practical working of our forces and to increase our numerical strength both of associations and membership I have, after mature deliberation and consultation with leading officers and shipmates, determined to divide our territory into divisions corresponding to Squadrons in the Navy and to appoint well-trained and tried shipmates as Division Chiefs of Staff, with relative rank of Lieutenant-Commander, whose duties will in no wise conflict with those of National Aides who are nominated by each association.

## DIVISIONS.

New England.—Covering the Ports of Providence, Newport, R. I., Fall River, New Bedford, Nantucket, Mass., and Ports of Connecticut. Division Chief, William H. Place, Box 93, Olneyville, R. I.

Home.—Covering the Ports of New York, Brooklyn, Amsterdam, Albany, Troy, N. Y., Hoboken, and Jersey City, N. J. Division Chief, F. H. Grove, 39 Burling Slip, New York City.

Coast.—Covering the Ports of Philadelphia, Pa., Baltimore, Md., Washington, D. C., and Norfolk, Va. Division Chief, Amos C. Wilcox, 839 N. 25th Street, Philadelphia, Pa.

Western Lake.—Covering the Ports of Chicago, Ill., Milwaukee, Wis. Division Chief, J. J. Sullivan, 46 S. Canal Street, Chicago, Ill.

Western.—Covering the Ports of Cincinnati, O., Zanesville, O. Will E. Atkins, Chief of Staff and Senior Aide.

It affords me great pleasure to announce that on the 2d of January I issued a charter to the "Kearsarge Naval Veteran Association," of Portsmouth, N. H., Captain True W. Priest, commanding, with fifty-four charter members; and on the 16th inst. a charter was granted to the Naval Veteran Association,

of Indianapolis, Ind., Captain John B. Wirt, commanding; and I am advised that on the 13th prox. a charter will be applied for by the "Dahlgren Naval Veteran Association," at Lowell, Mass.

At a meeting of the Connecticut Naval Veteran Association, held at New Haven, January 13, that name of the association was changed to that of "Gideon Welles Association of Naval Veterans of Connecticut," which change has been approved by your commanding officer, and its original charter so endorsed by me.

R. S. OSBON,  
*Rear-Admiral Commanding.*

GEO. W. BOSTWICK,  
*Secretary.*

At the close of the Baltimore festivities our people held a re-union in Washington, D. C., during the G. A. R. Encampment, as indicated by the following program and communication:

## DEDICATION OF GRAND ARMY PLACE.

### PROGRAM FOR THE NAVY AND MARINE CORPS.

Chairman, MAJOR W. H. MICHAEL.

#### MONDAY September 19.

10.00 A. M.—"All hands" shake hands aboard ship.

8.00 P. M.—Addresses by Commander William Simmons, of Philadelphia, and Joseph Smolinski, of Washington.

#### TUESDAY, September 20.

South Atlantic Squadron Day.

10.00 A. M.—Addresses by Commander B. S. Osbon, of New York, and Admiral William S. Wells, of New Haven, Conn.

8.00 P. M.—"All hands" spin yarns and look at fire-works.

#### WEDNESDAY, September 21.

Kearsarge and Marine Corps Day.

10 30 A. M.—Addresses by Paymaster J. A. Smith, U. S. Navy (Paymaster Smith was in the Kearsarge when she fought the Alabama), and Charles Comley of Philadelphia.



**Marine Corps**

Colonel Charles Heywood will preside.

3.00 P. M.—Address by Captain R. S. Collum, U. S. Marine Corps. (Captain Collum has written and published a history of the Marine Corps, and is thoroughly conversant with his subject.)

**THURSDAY, September 22.****North Atlantic Squadron Day.**

Commander F. M. Ramsey, U. S. N., will preside.

10.30 A. M.—Hon. Charles A. Boutelle, M. C.

**Mississippi Squadron.**

Rear Admiral Greer, U. S. N., will preside.

3.00 P. M.—Address by W. H. Michael

8.00 P. M.—Reception in honor of the National Association of Naval Veterans and families.

**FRIDAY, September 23.****Miscellaneous.**

10.30 A. M.—Short addresses.

8.00 P. M. to 12.—Reception in honor of the Citizens' and Re-union Committees and families.

**SATURDAY.**

10.00 A. M.—Visitors' Day aboard ship.

8.00 P. M.—Reception in honor of Naval Officers and families to meet Congressional and Re-union Committees.

During the week the President or the Vice President and Secretary of the Navy will be received aboard ship with the honors prescribed by the Naval regulations and other ceremonies. The yards of the ship will be manned on the occasion, the day and hour of which will be published in the *Star* and *Post*.

WASHINGTON, D. C., September 10, 1892.

CAPT. WILLIAM SIMMONS, 1432 Wharton St., Phila., Pa.

DEAR SIR:—The Committee on Naval and Marine Corps re-union to take place at the Twenty-sixth National Encampment G. A. R., in this city, cordially invite you to deliver an address during the re-unions.

The re-unions will be held aboard of a model of the Kearsarge erected on the white lot. The navy is preparing for a big time. Please advise me what squadron you will make the subject of your address, so that I may put you in the printed program in your right place.

Very truly,

W. H. MICHAEL,

*Chairman Naval and Marine Corps.*

The West Gulf Squadron was selected for the occasion.



SHIPMATES :—On the 13th of February last, in company with a staff composed of prominent shipmates from Providence, R. I. and Salem, Mass., I mustered in and installed the officers of “Dahlgren Naval Veteran Association,” at Lowell, Mass., Capt. Charles Cowley, Commanding, with twenty charter members, this being the third new association chartered since the first of January, 1893, and the twenty-ninth now under charter of the National Association.

Reports from every quarter indicate perfect harmony, increased interest and brisk recruiting, but there are many shipmates yet who are not affiliated with us, and we shall be remiss in our duty if we do not induce them to become members of our Order.

It is with deep regret that I announce the death of Shipmate Joseph Waterman, Lieutenant of the Farragut Association of Naval Veterans, of the Port of Providence, R. I., whose death occurred on the 26th of January last, and who was buried with Naval Veteran honors on the 29th of that month. He was one of the charter members, and well beloved and sincerely mourned.

Fraternally,

B. S. OSBON,

*Rear Admiral Commanding.*

Official:

GEORGE W. BOSTWICK,

*National Secretary.*

The National Association participated in the Columbian Naval display which took place in New York Harbor April 27, 1893.

*General Order No. 5.*

JULY 24, 1893.

SHIPMATES :—The following nominations have been received and are hereby confirmed :

*National Aids.*

John Wise, Admiral Dahlgren N. V. Association, Dayton, Ohio, 222 N. Jefferson street, Dayton, Ohio.

*National Executive Committee.*

Odlin Speice, Admiral Dahlgren N. V. Association, Dayton, Ohio, 132 E. Park street, Dayton, Ohio.

## DIVISIONS.

Western.—Covering the Ports of Columbus, Dayton, Cincinnati, Zanesville, Cleveland, Ohio; Indianapolis, Ind., and Louisville, Ky., Commander S. S. Russell, 161 Main Street, Zanesville, Ohio, Division Chief.

The model of the U. S. S. Kearsarge, having been selected as the headquarters of the Rear Admiral Commanding, and our “Flag Ship” at the eighth annual convention to be held at Indianapolis, in September next, it is hereby announced that each association in order of its seniority shall have command of the Flag Ship for at least one watch during our stay in Indianapolis, commencing at 8 bells A. M. each morning, the watches ending at 8 bells midnight, daily. Each commanding officer will select his own executive and other officers who shall be in charge during such watch. With a view of perfecting this arrangement a “Watch and Station Bill” will be prepared and sent to each association in ample time for them to make the necessary details for this duty. Your commanding officer will be glad to receive any suggestions from any shipmates bearing upon this subject.

Your commanding officer hereby announces that the National Association of Naval Veterans will be detailed as the “Naval Guard of Honor” at the reviewing stand on the day of the parade of the Grand Army of the Republic, at Indianapolis, thus enabling those shipmates who desire to parade with their individual posts to do so without reducing our ranks in a march. This honor has been accorded to us by Commander in Chief A. G. Weissert.

In view of the gallant services rendered by the Marine Brigade, under Colonel Ellet, on the Western Rivers during the war, I am of opinion that an effort should be made to induce the

members of that corps to join us as Associate Members. Their valuable co-operation with the regular naval forces on the inland waters of the West warrants us in extending to these daring, dashing and brave men the hand of fellowship and welcome them amongst us in the closest relationship that the rules of our order will permit. They are cordially invited to be present with us at Indianapolis.

Our greetings go out to the Kennebec Naval Veteran Association of the Port of Bath, Maine, whose charter was issued under date of March 14, 1893, making the fourth charter since the first of January, of the present year.

It is with regret that I announce that on the 6th of July, I was obliged to remove from office A. G. Fortier, Fleet Paymaster, for good cause. To fill the unexpired term of that office, I have appointed E. F. Dustin, of 90 Friendship Street, Providence, R. I., Acting Fleet Paymaster, who will be obeyed and respected accordingly. All money due the association will be paid to him only. A special auditing committee has been appointed to audit the books and accounts of the deposed paymaster, whose report will be submitted to the association at Indianapolis.

The Baltimore and Ohio Railroad is hereby named as the official route of transportation and it is hoped our shipmates will give it their liberal patronage, bearing in mind that on the occasion of the Naval Review in New York harbor in April last, this company furnished the Naval Association with a fleet of steam tugs free of cost to us. Let us remember our friends.

The Annual Naval Parade will take place on Saturday, September 2, details of which will be given in subsequent orders. On Sunday we shall attend divine service and on Monday, September 4, our Eighth Annual Convention will be held at 10 A. M., and on Tuesday, the 5th, we shall act as Naval Guards of Honor at the Reviewing Stand. It is impossible at this date to announce the railroad rates of fare, as they have not been officially announced, but it is safe to assume they will not be

any different from what they have been in late years, viz., half rates. Your commanding officer hopes for a large attendance at Indianapolis, assuring all that we shall receive more than ordinary attention on this occasion.

Fraternally,

B. S. OSBON,

*Rear Admiral Commanding.*

Official:

GEO. W. BOSTWICK,

*National Secretary.*



JAMES H. EGAN,  
Paymaster Naval Veteran Association of Illinois.



## CHAPTER X.

Eighth Annual Convention and Re-union at Indianapolis, Ind., and proceedings thereof. Re-election of Shipmate B. S. Osbon. Orders and appointments.

Re-union and convention at Indianapolis, September 4, 1893. Re-election of Admiral B. S. Osbon, as senior officer commanding, for a second term.

HEADQUARTERS NATIONAL NAVAL VETERANS,  
U. S. OF A.

429 Broadway, New York.

*General Order No. 1.*

SEPTEMBER 23, 1893.

SHIPMATES:—Having been re-elected to the office of Rear Admiral Commanding at the eighth annual convention, held at Indianapolis, Ind., September 4, 1893, I hereby assume command with headquarters at 429 Broadway, New York City.

The following is a list of the officers elected :

Commodore, Cyrus Sears, Baltimore, Md. [Promoted.]  
 Captain, R. N. Hopkins, Chicago, Ill.  
 Commander, C. H. Leaman, Dayton, Ohio. [Second term.]  
 Lieutenant Commander, Samuel B. Dixon, Detroit, Mich.  
 Senior Lieutenant, Benjamin Blanchard, New York.  
 Lieutenant, Joseph Chase, Jr., Providence, R. I.  
 Fleet Surgeon, C. Marion Dodson, Baltimore, Md.  
 Fleet Paymaster, E. F. Dustin, Providence, R. I.  
 Fleet Engineer, John B. Wirt, Indianapolis, Ind.  
 Fleet Chaplain, Rev. Samuel Alman, Brooklyn, N. Y. [Second term.]

The Fleet Officers now rank as captains, and will take precedence in order of rank and service.

The following appointments are hereby announced : National Secretary, George W. Bostwick, Brooklyn, N. Y.; National Boatswain, W. E. Goodnough, New Haven, Conn.; National Historian, William Simmons, Philadelphia, Pa.; Senior Aide and Chief of Staff, Will E. Atkins, Cincinnati, Ohio.

Commanders of associations will forward to these headquarters, without delay, upon the blank herewith enclosed, the names and addresses of one member of the National Executive Committee, and of one National Aide on the Staff of the Rear Admiral Commanding. It is expected that these selections will be made with great care, and will be made from among the most zealous workers of your association.

A printed copy of the resolutions adopted at the eighth annual convention will be forwarded to each commanding officer, and must be read to the shipmates at the first meeting after its receipt, and then pasted in the official copy of the National Constitution and By-Laws for reference.

It is important that each association send to these headquarters, at once, the names and *addresses* of its Commanding Officer, Secretary and Paymaster; also the time and place of its regular meetings, so that this data may be recorded in the headquarters roster.

The National Fleet Paymaster, E. F. Dustin, No. 90 Friendship Street, Providence, R. I., has charge of all badges, buttons, ribbons, stationery and other supplies, and all information respecting them *must* be obtained from him, and hence all communications on this subject should be addressed to him direct and not to these headquarters as heretofore. Your commanding officer should not be taxed with correspondence belonging to a special department.

Enquiries as to addresses of shipmates and like subjects should be addressed to the National Secretary, George W. Bostwick, No. 52 Atlantic Street, Brooklyn, N. Y.

The "World's Columbian Committee of Naval Veterans" is hereby dissolved, with thanks.



On the 9th inst., under the auspices of the Naval Veterans of Chicago, Ill., your commanding officer with a large number of visiting shipmates took part in a Naval Parade on the Fair Grounds. The Elgin Band was kindly loaned by Fair Managers. Capt. Murphy, of the U. S. Marine Corps, furnished an escort of a battalion of marines, and the Libby Prison Association loaned us the Flag Ship Hartford's battle flag. The formation was made at the Iowa State Building and the march led us to the Battle Ship "Illinois," when we were cordially received by Lieut. Taussig, U. S. N., commanding, who paid us marked attention. After visiting the ship, Captain McClellan, of the U. S. Life Saving Service, gave an exhibition drill of his life saving crew for our benefit, which was enjoyed by all. Later on your commanding officer made an address at the G. A. R. Camp Fire in Festival Hall, in company with National Commander-in-Chief Adams, Past National Commanders Weissert, Palmer, Alger, Hon. Jerry Rusk, and others. Over 10,000 veterans and their friends packed the hall, and thus ended our memorable cruise of 1893.

Fraternally,

B. S. OSBON,

*Rear Admiral Commanding.*

Official.

GEO. W. BOSTWICK,

*National Secretary.*

The following nominations have been made and are hereby confirmed :

*National Aides.*

John W. Paul, N. V. Association, Cincinnati, Ohio, Lockland, Ohio.

Thos. B. Ruff, D. D. Porter Association, Columbus, Ohio, 1209 Highland Street, Columbus, Ohio.

W. G. Morris, Farragut Association, Chicago, Ill., 835 Lake Street, Chicago, Ill.

E. Macomber, Michigan Association, Detroit, Michigan, 80 Perry Street, Detroit, Michigan.

Chas. J. Murphy, Admiral S. C. Rowan Association, Annapolis, Md., U. S. Naval Academy, Annapolis, Md.

Dan'l S. Hewett, Central N. Y. Association, Amsterdam, N. Y.—Amsterdam, N. Y.

Wm. McKay, Cushing Association, Milwaukee, Wis., National Home, Milwaukee, Wis.

The address of C. L. Weeden should be 614 County street, New Bedford, Mass., not "64," as printed in General Order No. 2.

*National Executive Committee.*

John J. McNally, N. V. Association, Cincinnati, Ohio, Lane street, Walnut Hill, Cincinnati, Ohio.

John Carroll, D. D. Porter Association, Columbus, Ohio, 62 East Russell Street, Columbus, Ohio.

John Franklin, Farragut Association, Chicago, Ill., 110 Randolph Street, Chicago, Ill.

A. S. McWilliams, Michigan Association, Detroit, Michigan, U. S. Bonded Warehouse, Detroit, Mich.

Saml. E. Yates, Admiral S. C. Rowan Association, Annapolis, Md., 51 Gloster street, Annapolis, Md.

John S. Maxwell, Central N. Y. Association, Amsterdam, N. Y.—Amsterdam, N. Y.

Jere J. Crowley, Cushing Association, Milwaukee, Wis., National Home, Milwaukee, Wis.

On the 17th of November, National Commodore Cyrus Sears, assisted by a large staff from the Maryland N. V. Association, mustered in and installed the officers of Admiral S. C. Rowan Naval Veteran Association of Annapolis, Md., Captain L. James M. Boyd, commanding. We bid the new association a most hearty welcome to the National Association and wish them God speed, and also congratulate them upon the selection of the name of one of the bravest of our naval heroes to be inscribed upon its banners. The official number of this association is "No. 30."

On the 22d of November we issued a charter to the Farragut Association of Naval Veterans of the Port of Boston, Mass., with half a hundred worthy shipmates under the command of that sturdy veteran, Captain Moses H. Cleaves. We bid them a most cordial welcome to the fellowship of the National Association with all its rights and privileges. Its official number is "No. 31."

It may be proper just here to say that your commanding officer is striving to add at least ten more associations to the

National Roster before the close of his present term, and from the outlook a large percentage of his hopes may be realized.

The following nominations have been received and are hereby confirmed :

*National Aides.*

Moses H. Cleaves, Farragut Association, Boston, Mass., 38 Pearl Street, Boston.

*National Executive Committee.*

Joseph Gregory, Farragut Association, Boston, Mass., Marblehead, Mass.

Corrections General Order No. 4.—Emmanuel E. Gates, for "Samuel E. Yates," member of National Executive Committee, Admiral S. C. Rowan Association of Annapolis, Md.

The following is a list of commanding officers and secretaries of local associations who have been elected for 1894, and who have reported to these headquarters in compliance with General Orders. Those marked with an \* have been re-elected.

Farragut Association, Philadelphia, Pa. Commander, John Bowers; Secretary, \*Frank Robinson.

Farragut Association, Providence, R. I. \*Captain, Luther Baker; Secretary, \*Stephen F. Blanding.

Illinois, N. V. Association, Chicago, Ill. Captain C. F. Gooding; Secretary, Wm. L. Orr.

Maryland, N. V. Association, Baltimore, Md. Commodore, H. F. Dorton; Secretary, \*R. B. Young.

Cushing N. V. Association, Milwaukee, Wis. Commander, Wm. F. Ryan; Secretary, \*Jere J. Crowley.

Monitor N. V. Association, Brooklyn, N. Y. Captain, W. A. Wilson; Secretary, \*John McGaughan.

Gideon Welles N. V. Association, New Haven, Conn. Captain W. E. Gould; Secretary, \*H. F. McCullom.

Central N. Y. N. V. Association, Amsterdam, N. Y. Commander, John S. Maxwell; Secretary, \*James H. Dean.

Naval Veteran Association, Cincinnati, Ohio. Captain W. E. Atkins.

Ladies of the N. V. Association, No. 1, Providence, R. I. Commander, Ellen E. Traver.

Ladies of the N. V. Association, No. 3, Salem, Mass. Commander, Mrs. Austiss P. Quimby.

The revised edition of the Ritual, prepared by the Special Committee appointed at the eighth annual convention, is now in press, and will soon be issued to all associations, copies of which

will be forwarded as soon as practicable. It is ordered that the officers of each association make themselves thoroughly familiar with its text, and, as far as possible, commit to memory the Muster-in service.

In recognition of the many acts of official courtesy and marked kindness to naval veterans during his administration as Commander-in-Chief of the G. A. R., the National Officers and Aides of 1892-3, forwarded on the first of the new year to Past Commander-in-Chief A. G. Weissert, of Milwaukee, Wis., an elegantly framed photograph of the Flag Ship "Kearsarge" taken at Indianapolis, Ind., in September last, with all hands mustered on her top gallant forecastle. The memento will be a constant reminder to our beloved comrade that the naval veterans will never forget their friends in the other branch of the service.

Your commanding officer feels deeply grateful for the very large number of Holiday Greetings he has received at the opening of the New Year, and in return sends his fraternal greeting to each and all, praying that God in His goodness will mete out to each His choicest blessing and guide and guard them through life and bring us all safely to anchor in the Haven of Divine Rest when our cruise is ended.

Fraternally,

B. S. OSBON,

*Rear Admiral Commanding.*

Official.

GEO. W. BOSTWICK,

*National Secretary.*

It is with pleasure I announce that we are to welcome to our Roster "The Philadelphia Naval Veteran Association," a new organization, composed of the shipmates who were former members of the Naval Veteran Legion and remained loyal to the National Association. The organization has been perfected and a charter has been issued to it. Its official number is 32.

## CHAPTER XI.

Ninth Annual Convention and Re-union at Pittsburg, Penna.,  
Officers elected. Official report of Admiral B. S. Osbon.

## NINTH ANNUAL CONVENTION AT PITTSBURGH, PA.

*General Order No. 12.*

JULY 25, 1894.

SHIPMATES :—The National Headquarters' Special Train over the Baltimore & Ohio Railroad, will leave foot of Liberty Street, New York City, at 9 o'clock A. M., on Saturday, September 8th next, arriving at Twenty-fourth and Chestnut Streets Station, Philadelphia, at 11.30 A. M., and leaving at 11.42 A. M., arriving at Cumberland at 8.04 P. M., where supper will be served, and leaving for Pittsburgh at 8.34 P. M., arriving at Pittsburgh at 12 o'clock midnight. A delegation from John A. Winslow N. V. Association will meet the train and escort the shipmates to their respective vessels. These special facilities are based upon 100 shipmates reporting at once for passage, hence it is important that these headquarters be notified at once of the number that will go on this train.

Our annual parade on the 10th of September next, promises to be the most imposing ever made under our auspices. I am assured that Commander Buckland of the Sons of Veterans Guards will be present with 1,000 men, all armed and equipped. At the annual Encampment of the Pennsylvania Division of the Sons of Veterans the matter was brought before that body and resulted in the entire command being ordered out in our honor. The Battalion of Naval Reserves will also take part in escort duty, so that we shall have a very large and brilliant escort.

The Ninth Annual Convention will be called to order at 1 o'clock P. M. sharp, in the Allegheny County Bar Associa-

tion Room, Court House, Grant Street, on Monday, September 10. This is a fine room, with seating capacity for about 300.

The Dog Watch will take place in Old City Hall, Market Street, at 8 P. M. on the 10th of September, with Captain W. J. Patterson, Chairman of the Committee of Re-unions and Naval Affairs, as presiding officer. The programme will include speaking by well-known friends of the Navy. The names of the orators will be announced later.

I am pleased to announce that the Naval Cadet Corps which is attached to Farragut Association of New York has organized a Young Ladies' Naval Cadet Corps, which promises to be one of the features of the youthful patriotic associations of the Great Metropolis. The Naval Cadets are making wonderful strides in numerical strength, mustering in from five to ten young men weekly, and it soon will outnumber the Naval Reserves of the State. Their splendid behavior, excellent drill and jaunty uniforms, and their fine equipment, never fails to attract attention and well deserved applause from the public, as well as the Veterans' organization of the city.

The National Secretary desires that Commanders of Associations will forward without further delay the list of delegates and alternates which have been elected to the Ninth Annual Convention.

Fraternally,

B. S. OSBON,

*Rear Admiral Commanding.*

Official.

GEO. W. BOSTWICK,

*National Secretary.*

### MORTUARY RECORD.

I am pained to learn of the death of Past Commander N. C. Reed, M. D., of the David D. Porter Association of Naval Veterans, of Columbus, O. Dr. Reed served as National Historian, having been appointed to that office by Rear Admiral W. S. Wells, in January, 1892, and resigned in October of the same

year. He was a worthy, painstaking officer and shipmate and was beloved by all who knew him. He was buried with Naval Veteran honors.

Shipmate John English, aged 68 years and 5 months, a member of the Michigan Naval Veteran Association, departed this life for life eternal January 4, 1894. He served in the army during the Mexican war and served in the navy during the late rebellion; a good citizen, a loyal shipmate, he died lamented by all who knew him. Peace to his ashes.

It is with sorrow that I make the announcement that our beloved shipmate Past Commander Louis Richards, of Farragut Association, of New York, has responded to the last call and has been mustered out of active service with us, having departed this life for life eternal on Sunday, January 7. No shipmate was better known among Naval Veterans than Shipmate Richards. He was one of the real heroes of the war and proudly bore on his breast the coveted medal of honor, won by bravery in its best meaning. He was buried with the highest Naval Veteran honors from the Church of Fleet Chaplain Rev. Samuel Alman, at New York on the 10th inst. His deeds on the U. S. S. Pensacola brought forth the highest encomiums from all who were associated with him, and his brilliant war record would require more space than a General Order could contain. He died in the full hope of a glorious hereafter, with a firm belief that he would be a welcome guest in the better land to which we are so rapidly trending. Peace to his ashes, and may his memory ever be green in our hearts.

As we are closing this order news reaches us of the death of Commander Robert M. Vanaman, of the Potomac Naval Veteran Association, of Washington, D. C.

Shipmate William Francis Hutchinson, M. D., who was born at Oswego, N. Y., October 28, 1838, died at Providence, R. I., September 30, 1893. Served as Acting Asst. Surgeon, U. S. N., April 7, 1863, Acting Passed Asst. Surgeon, August 4, 1865, and was honorably discharged July 3, 1868. He was a



member of Farragut N. V. Association, of Providence; honored, respected, and sincerely mourned. He stood high in his profession as a practitioner and a writer. He was buried with veteran honors.

## THE NINTH ANNUAL CONVENTION

Met in the Court House, Pittsburgh, Penna., September 10, 1894. Francis B. Allen, of Hartford, Conn., was elected Rear Admiral.

The following is the most interesting and principal part of the official report of the retiring Rear Admiral Shipmate B. S. Osbon :

## ANNUAL REPORT OF THE REAR ADMIRAL COMMANDING, NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF NAVAL VETERANS.

PITTSBURGH, PA., September 10, 1894.

SHIPMATES :—In presenting this, my second annual report, I shall be brief as to the work accomplished during the year just ending, for the reason my General Orders which have been issued monthly during my term of office have been so full and detailed that your time need not be taken up here recounting the events. I must congratulate all hands upon the marked earnestness and zeal which has pervaded our body during the entire year. The tone of the Order has been largely increased and elevated, and to-day we are stronger and more hopeful for good than at any period in our history. Our recognition is more extended, our influence greater and our *esprit du corps* better than many organizations of like character whose charters antedates ours by many years. Our numerical gains have been larger and our losses by death and other causes very small, and we have many reasons for congratulations that must be apparent to all observers.



Perfect harmony has prevailed throughout our entire jurisdiction, and no commanding officer has had a more loyal and devoted set of officers and crew than your speaker. While the work of your senior officer has been at many times very taxing, he has been cheered on and comforted by the hearty endorsement of his subordinates, and to each and every Shipmate he tenders his profound gratitude for their support, confidence, and expressions of official and personal regard. The cares, burdens and anxieties of my official duties have at times been many and oftentimes great, but the kindly encouragement given so freely and heartily from all quarters has made my onerous duties a pleasure, and to-day they are thought of as but a passing dream.

When this Convention adjourned last year at Indianapolis the National Association was practically without any funds in its treasury, owing to the defalcation of the Fleet Paymaster whom we had elected at Detroit, and in whom every one placed the utmost reliance. Not a dollar was left, and the entire visible assets were not valued at twenty-dollars, and he had also relegated to us a legacy of unpaid bills and tangled accounts which latter it has been so far impossible to straighten out, although every effort has been made to do so. Your present Fleet Paymaster, Shipmate E. F. Dustin, with great perseverance and skill has during the year past swept away all our indebtedness save one bill amounting to one hundred and twenty nine dollars, has promptly met every bill incurred during the administration; has paid for the publication of the New Ritual, a stock of blank Charters, a complete outfit of blank Commissions, etc., and has a stock of supplies on hand valued at over three hundred dollars, all of which will be set forth in his annual report.

A more energetic, painstaking, capable officer could not have been found as the Chief of this Department. I have known day by day of his official acts, every one of which has met my hearty approval and endorsement, and you will make no mistake if you elect him to another term, if he will accept it.

To my Secretary, George W. Bostwick, who has served us so faithfully and so conscientiously for several years past, I must return my most grateful thanks for the manner in which he has performed his arduous duties in season and out of season. His knowledge of the affairs of the National Association is perhaps greater than any of our shipmates, and the careful, prompt and intelligent manner which he attends to every detail merits our most sincere commendations.

Commodore Cyrus Sears, my Chief Executive Officer, has evinced that earnestness and zeal which merits my heartiest praise, and he has been in close touch with me during my entire administration, and his counsel and advice have been always of the most valued character.

Fleet Chaplain Samuel Alman, our good friend and spiritual pilot has ever been by my side to counsel and advise, with that sincerity of heart and purpose which has endeared him to me beyond words to express. A shipmate of rare, excellent, executive ability, clear in every purpose, conscientious in all things, firm as a rock, yet with a heart like a woman, he has dispensed his teachings and goodly work broadcast to our great good and to our honor. He deserves well at your hands, in guiding our ship in its coming cruises.

To Captain R. N. Hopkins, I am indebted for much valuable service rendered, and for his earnest work in the limited sphere of his duties. He has wrought faithfully and well. I am unable to state the amount of duty performed by our Commander or Lieut.-Commander, as I have not heard from them more than three or four times during the year.

Senior-Lieutenant B. D. Blanchard has been a constant and intelligent worker, being in close touch with me, and a very helpful, earnest member of my staff and worthy of all commendation. Lieutenant Jos. Chace, Jr., has been south for several months in search of health, and he has not had the opportunity to show his accustomed zeal in our work.

The duties of their offices have not demanded any special

exertion on the part of our Fleet Surgeon C. Marion Dodson, nor our beloved shipmate, Fleet Engineer John B. Wirt, to whom we owe so much for his labors in our behalf at Indianapolis last year. National Boatswain, W. E. Goodenough, has been a worker to whom I owe a hearty meed of thanks, prompt, energetic and laboring faithfully for our general good and welfare. Our National Historian, Past Commander William Simmons, that tireless, indefatigable shipmate, whose pen and voice is ever to the front for the Naval Veterans, has my thanks for his services so generously and so ably rendered.

Last, but not least, I must mention with gratitude the faithful service rendered me by Senior Aide and Chief of Staff Will E. Atkins, whose marked intelligence and earnestness for the best interest of the National Association are worthy of emulation by all who desire our progress and prosperity. For two terms shipmate Atkins has served me in this same capacity, and I have ever found him ready, willing and anxious to do his duty with a marked earnestness of purpose which has made his work very acceptable to me.

There are several of my aides who well deserve special mention for their splendid work during the year past; shipmates who have really well earned the honor conferred upon them; others have not been so marked in the line of duty, evidently not being so placed that they could display or exhibit their talents, but who doubtless have done their share, but have been too modest to let their light so shine that it could be seen of men.

The Executive Committee as a body have not been called upon for any extra special duty in connection with their office, for the reason that fortunately no grave questions have arisen calling for the action of that body, but from the character of the shipmates who have held this office I have always felt that did an emergency arise I had at my call a body of men who could be relied upon.

Late in my administration I felt it my duty to appoint an acting legal head of our association, and therefore announced

as Acting Judge-Advocate-General our eminent jurist Capt. Charles Cowley, who served in that capacity in the South Atlantic Squadron during the war, and while it has not been necessary to call his valuable services into requisition, yet I deem it most important that the office of Judge-Advocate-General with the rank of Captain be created at this convention, and my judgment and appointment be confirmed in this matter.

I desire to say, before closing under the head of Commendations to Officers, that the year just ending is very marked, in this, that the earnestness, zeal and intelligence of the Commanding Officers and Secretaries of Local Associations has been of a much higher degree than ever known in our history as an organization. Reports from them have been more frequent and fuller than ever before, and the entire tone of the correspondence of a higher grade, showing a very commendable advancement in all that pertains to our power and influence for good. I may further state that the general tone and appearance of our entire command has been vastly improved, and if we but continue to do our duty we shall attain an excellence worthy of the highest praise from all who knew us within our borders.

Thirty-six hundred copies of General Orders have been distributed during the year; they have been copied largely by the newspaper press, and frequently quoted at some length in the General Orders of our young friends, the Sons of Veterans. In some instances, leading journals have referred to them editorially, showing that they have been appreciated by the public as well as by our shipmates.

The Naval Legion of Philadelphia was dropped from the National Association rolls in October last, as per section 18 of General Order, No. 2. I immediately took steps to replace it by another organization composed of those of its members who were loyal to their obligation and to the National body. The result of my efforts has been the formation of the Philadelphia Naval Veteran Association, No. 33, chartered January 30, 1893, composed of the best elements of the Legion, and a large number

of shipmates who were never enrolled on our books, including some very distinguished officers of the regular navy.

For several years we have labored to induce the Kearsarge Association N. V. of Boston, to join our organization, but our labors were in vain, and in November last, the shipmates in that city who were favorable to this body formed the Farragut Association N. V. which, although in its infancy, is one of the most promising associations under our jurisdiction.

The first addition to our roll for the official year was in October, 1893, and was the Admiral S. C. Rowan N. V. Association, of Annapolis, Md., located at the seat of Naval learning of the country. Its position is of great value, as the association will be a constant reminder to the young men at the Naval Academy of our devotion to the flag.

Next in order came the Philadelphia N. V. Association, chartered in January, 1894. Then the Admiral John A. Winslow N. V. Association of this city, chartered in April, 1894, and lastly the Rock River Naval Veteran Association of Rockford, Ill., chartered in May last, making a gain of five associations for the official year, and a total of thirty-four associations under charter. Considering all things this may be considered an excellent showing. I may say incidentally that the keels of several more associations are laid, and with the zealous work of my successor they should be put in commission before the Tenth Annual Convention.

## CHAPTER XII.

Administration of Rear Admiral Francis B. Allen, of Hartford, Conn. Orders and appointments. Call for convention at Louisville, Ky. Death of National Secretary.

HEADQUARTERS NATIONAL ASSOCIATION  
NAVAL VETERANS, U. S. OF A.

61 Willard Street, Hartford, Conn.

*General Order No. 1.*

SEPTEMBER 22, 1894.

SHIPMATES :—Having been elected by your suffrages to the office of Rear Admiral Commanding, at the Ninth Annual Convention, held in Pittsburgh, Pa., September 10, 1894, I hereby assume command, with headquarters as above. The following is a list of the other officers elected:

Commodore, W. E. Atkins, Cherry Street north of Chase Avenue, Cincinnati, O.  
 Captain, George C. Irelan, 518 Arlington Avenue, Baltimore, Md.  
 Commander, George W. Shaw, 65 Main Street, Zanesville, O.  
 Lieutenant-Commander, J. J. Gilman, 12 Hillside Avenue, Everett, Mass.  
 Senior Lieutenant, E. D. Bliss, 880 DeKalb Avenue, Brooklyn, N. Y.  
 Junior Lieutenant, J. O. Shaw, Bath, Me.  
 Fleet Surgeon, Dr. Lorenzo Traver, 3 Stewart Street, Providence, R. I.  
 Fleet Paymaster, E. F. Dustin, 90 Friendship Street, Providence, R. I.  
 Fleet Engineer, Wm. L. Orr, 279 North State Street, Chicago, Ill.  
 Fleet Chaplain, Rev. J. L. DeMott, Warren, Me.  
 Judge Advocate, Charles Cowley, 12 Middle Street, Lowell, Mass.

The following appointments are hereby announced:

National Secretary, George W. Bostwick, 116 Baltic Street, Brooklyn, N. Y.  
 National Boatswain, Robert Anderson, 1918 Gratz Street, Philadelphia, Pa.  
 National Historian, J. W. Keene, 27 South Washington Avenue, Columbus, O.  
 Chief of Staff, Wm. Simmons, 1432 Wharton Street, Philadelphia, Pa.



Commanders of Associations will forward to these headquarters, without delay, the names and addresses of one member of the National Executive Committee, and of one National Aide on the Staff of the Rear Admiral Commanding. These selections shall be made with a view of the especial fitness of the shipmates to discharge the duties of the position.

A printed copy of the resolutions adopted at the Ninth Annual Convention will be forwarded to each commanding officer as early as possible, and must be read to the shipmates at the first meeting after its receipt and properly filed for future reference. The convention also authorized your commanding officer to appoint a special committee of three shipmates upon the revision of the constitution and by-laws, to whom certain designated resolutions were to be referred, to report to the next encampment the expediency of making the proposed changes. This work is the most important of the year, and I have the honor to hereby designate Shipmate Wells, of Connecticut, Osbon, of New York, and Cleaves, of Massachusetts, as such committee; it is perhaps needless to say that these shipmates by reason of their experience and ability are especially fitted to determine questions of this kind, and their report will be waited for with interest.

It is important that each association send to these headquarters at the earliest practicable moment, the names and addresses of its Commanding Officer, Secretary and Paymaster, also the time and place of its regular meetings, so the officers of this association and visiting shipmates may avail themselves of any opportunity offered to attend the meetings and say a good word in season.

The Ninth Annual Convention and Re-union at Pittsburgh was one of the most enjoyable the association has ever had. The programme previously outlined was executed in such a way as to make it a memorable occasion. The hoisting and saluting of the Admiral's flag upon the flagship, and divine services held at the Smithfield Street Church by our Chaplain, were the prin-

cipal events of Sunday, the 9th; on Monday, 10th, we paraded about one thousand strong through the streets of Pittsburgh and Allegheny, escorted by the Pennsylvania Encampment, Sons of Veterans, and other organizations. The attractive uniforms of our officers and shipmates, their generally neat appearance, and easy swinging gait in marching, attracted great attention and was loudly applauded all along the line of march. In the afternoon of that day we had the opening session of our convention, and in the evening participated in one of the greatest camp fires ever seen in that city. We called it a "Dog Watch," and from the time the boatswain called "all hands" until he "piped down," the interest never flagged and the enthusiasm of the audience knew no bounds. It is sufficient to say that what many of them heard was a revelation to them, and will stimulate their curiosity to know more of the naval history of the war, and give that branch of the service more credit hereafter.

The chief speakers were his Excellency, Governor Pattison, of Pennsylvania, who gave us a royal welcome to the State, and in well chosen words spoke the praises of the Navy. Their honors, the Mayors of Pittsburgh and Allegheny respectively, were there and welcomed us most hospitably. They told us their cities were "ours" and that we were to help ourselves, and Shipmates Wells, Osbon, Ashworth, Simmons, and others, each in turn helped on the good work. A splendid band discoursed patriotic and favorite martial airs, other friends, male and female, gave us music, songs and recitations, so that the interest and attention of the audience was maintained to the very end. The shipmates who were there will certify to that, and those who by reason of sickness and other causes were prevented from attending have our sympathy, and we hope they may be more fortunate another year. Daily musters were held on board the flagship, and we gained a considerable accession to our members during the week.

We should make up in zeal what we lack in numbers, and



seek recognition as navy men everywhere. It was only recently that your commanding officer in some correspondence he had with the Adjutant General of the State of Illinois, developed the fact that so patriotic a State as Illinois had never made a roster of the men who went into the naval service from that State. When we think of how many men went into the river service in various capacities at Cairo and other shipping points, we may get some idea of the importance of that omission. Some of the shipmates should bring this matter to the attention of the next State Encampment, and take prompt action to obtain such information as is available, even at this late date. Possibly other States have been equally negligent.

I hope, as in the past, to visit every ship of the squadron at least once during the present cruise, and as many more times as opportunity permits.

In conclusion, your commanding officer modestly hopes that there is something in a good name, and that the success that attended the operations of the flagship Hartford of the old navy, and made it the pride of the service from 1861 to 1865, may accompany the transfer of headquarters to the historic city of the same name.

Fraternally,

FRANCIS B. ALLEN,

*Rear Admiral Commanding.*

WM. SIMMONS,

*Chief of Staff.*

Official.

GEO. W. BOSTWICK,

*National Secretary.*

*General Order No. 3.*

DECEMBER 3, 1894.

SHIPMATES :—Since the issue of G. O. No. 2, the following additional nominations have been duly made and are hereby confirmed : Chief of Division, Wm. O. Saville, 600 North

Gilmor Street, Baltimore, Md., for the district comprising the waters of the Atlantic coast, bays, rivers and tributaries between Philadelphia, Pa., and Norfolk., Va.

*National Aides.*

Ezra Robbins, Farragut Association, 83 Pike Street, New York, N. Y.

W. J. Conant, Essex Association, 6 Brown Street, Salem Mass.

\*Thomas Wood, Cumberland Association, 34 Bonney Street, New Bedford, Mass.

W. E. Dunham, Cincinnati Association, Mt Washington, Cincinnati, Ohio.

H. L. Worcester, Kearsarge Association, Rochester, N. H.

James A. Miller, Black Hawk Association, Athens, Ohio.

Symmes E. Browne, D. D. Porter Association, 1344 Oak Street, Columbus, Ohio.

C. J. Murphy, S. C. Rowan Association, Care Naval Academy, Annapolis, Md.

Dr. Charles W. Karsner, Philadelphia Association, 1409 S. Fifteenth Street, Philadelphia, Pa.

Henry Reaney, Michigan Association, Detroit, Mich.

James W. Lister, special, 2822 Clark Avenue, St. Louis, Mo.

*II. National Executive Committee.*

Geo. W. Brewer, Farragut Association, Station L, Harlem, N. Y.

Wm. Foss, Essex Association, 5 Cedar Street, Salem, Mass.

Michael Kelly, Cincinnati Association, 433 Johnson Street, Cincinnati, Ohio.

Thos. R. Wilson, Kearsarge Association, 7 Fleet Street, Portsmouth, N. H.

F. L. Carr, D. D. Porter Association, 145 W. Lane Avenue, Columbus, Ohio.

John L. Lewis, Michigan Association, Detroit, Mich.

The arrival of the Lake Superior Naval Veteran Association, No. 35, of the Port of Marquette, Mich., to join the fleet, was duly announced in previous general order. Upon examination her papers were found correct and regular, and she is now flying the "Union Jack," and enrolled as one of the fleet.

Our hearts were again made glad by the arrival from the far-off Pacific of the Commodore Hopkins Naval Veteran Association, No. 36, Los Angeles, Cal., Commander John Stratton, commanding, with a full complement of officers and men; all well on board. We extended to them a sailor's greeting, and assigned the association their appropriate place in the fleet.

The Admiral Foote Naval Veteran Association, of St. Louis, is the latest addition to our force, whose commission was recently issued. We cordially welcome these shipmates to our number and extend to them a sailor's greeting. J. V. Johnson

is commander and Dr. Chas. A. Wilson, secretary. This association is named after a brave and loyal sailor from Connecticut, who rendered service in opening the Mississippi river from Cairo to the Gulf, and did perhaps as much as any one else to make possible General Sherman's famous march to the sea.

### MORTUARY RECORD.

George W. Bostwick, National Secretary of the Naval Veterans of the United States, died at his residence, 116 Baltic Street, Brooklyn, N. Y., Sunday, April 28, 1895. He was born in New Haven, Conn., in 1845, where he lived until 1861, when he enlisted in the navy, serving in the United States Frigate "Sabine," "Niagara," and "Savannah," until the close of the war. He served in Naval Post No. 516, Department of New York, G. A. R., as quartermaster, several terms as adjutant and one term as commander. At the time of his death he was Rear Admiral of the Naval Cadets of the Port of New York, Secretary of the Farragut Association of Naval Veterans of Brooklyn, an office he had held for seven years, and the National Secretary of Naval Veterans, an office he had held for five consecutive years. No naval veteran in the United States was more widely known or better liked, and none will be more sincerely mourned. He leaves a widow and several adult children.

Secretary Bostwick was in his usual health until Friday, when he was stricken with pneumonia and rapidly failed.

His funeral was attended by the national officers of the association, large delegations from Farragut Association of Philadelphia, Naval Post 400, Department of Pennsylvania, G. A. R., Farragut Association, N. Y., Naval Post 516, Department of New York, G. A. R., and the Naval Cadets of New York. The interment was at Holy Cross Cemetery.

John H. Knowles, late first-class quartermaster in the United States Navy, died April 9, 1895, at his home in Annapolis, Md. John Hazard Knowles was born August 10, 1830, at

South Kingstown, R. I., and came of an old family of New Englanders, who were well known for their sturdy principles and patriotic spirit during the early struggles of our country. Entering the navy at an early age, young Knowles worked his way up to the position of Signal Quartermaster, which position he held on board the gallant old frigate "Hartford," the flagship of Admiral Farragut, during the passage of the forts. At Mobile Bay, with indomitable courage, he lashed the gallant old admiral to the rigging, although a perfect storm of shot and shell surrounded him. He was a member of Meade Post, No. 17, G. A. R., and Admiral S. C. Rowan Naval Veteran Association. He was buried at the Naval Cemetery with the honors due so gallant a man. In the death of John Hazard Knowles the nation loses one of its old defenders, a true American seaman, a patriotic man, a true comrade, a noble shipmate; his family a loving husband and father, and the community at large a true and honest citizen. As his name has been engraved upon the book of fame, so the memory of his gallant deeds and noble life has been engraved upon the hearts of those he leaves behind.

Capt. John E. Giddings died at Salem, Mass., April 23, 1895. He was a native of Beverly, and early followed the sea, rising to the command of a vessel. At the breaking out of the Rebellion he entered the United States Navy, and was placed in command of a gunboat. He was stationed at Newbern and Key West for a long time. On one of his expeditions he drove the enemy up the river, following closely with his vessel. One or two batteries were silenced.

Capt. Abraham Louch, late Acting Master, U. S. Navy, secretary of the James W. Shirk Association of Naval Veterans of Erie, Pa., recently died in that city. Captain Louch was one of the ablest navigators the service ever had. He had a very extended knowledge of the great lakes, having spent a considerable number of years upon the U. S. Steamer "Michigan" making plans and surveys.

E. B. Mallet, a respected member of the Kennebec Association, of Bath, Me., who died recently, was a very popular man, one whose genial disposition has endeared him to his shipmates and the public. During his term of service in the United States Navy he was sailing master of the United States sloop-of-war "Constellation." After leaving the naval service he commanded various merchant vessels.

Past National Commander George L. Varnick, a member of the Farragut Naval Veteran Association, No. 1, of Philadelphia, died July 18, and was buried on the 20th in Mount Vernon Cemetery, Philadelphia. His funeral was attended by the association, who conducted the services.

Shipmate Varnick enlisted in the U. S. Marine Corps at the commencement of the Civil War, and was assigned to the U. S. S. "Richmond," West Gulf Squadron, participating in the battle of the forts on the lower Mississippi, the capture of New Orleans, siege of Vicksburg, battles of Port Hudson and Mobile Bay.

He was elected Commander of the National Association at the convention held in Philadelphia, January 13, 1888.

James A. Shubert, of the Gideon Welles Naval Veteran Association, of Connecticut, died in Philadelphia, as the result of accidental injuries on July 17. Shipmate Shubert served on the "Minnesota" and "Rhode Island," 1863 to 1865. He was buried in Mount Peace Cemetery, in that city, with naval honors.

## CHAPTER XIII.

Tenth Annual Convention and Re-union at Louisville, Ky.

Reception, parade and dog watch. List of Officers elected.

Convention and Re-union at Louisville was largely attended by shipmates from all parts of the country. It was in all respects the most successful affair of the kind yet held under the auspices of the National Association.

Rear Admiral Allen, assisted by Shipmates Fritschner and Hager of Louisville, secured from the Citizen's Committee free quarters, free music, free halls, and free badges for our people. These courtesies and privileges had not been accorded or even asked for at any former re-union, consequently they were the more gratefully appreciated.

Our thanks are due to the shipmates named as well as to Cols. John H. Milliken, T. J. Batman, Michael Minton, J. W. Hammond, Louis Weber and others who contributed to the success of the occasion. Our visit in a body to the Commercial Club, Garfield Club, Press Club, and ladies reception were events of unusual interest in which Kentucky hospitality was generously demonstrated.

The following program had been arranged for the occasion :

Sunday Morning.—Meet at No. 340 East Main Street at 9.30; move from there to Flag Ship Tell City, foot of Fourth Street, where visiting shipmates will be received and assigned quarters.

Monday Morning.—Reception of the Admiral; declaring ship in commission 11 o'clock.

Monday Night.—Dog Watch at Music Hall at 8 o'clock.

Tuesday Morning.—Meet for parade at 9.30 aboard ship.

Tuesday afternoon.—Convention meets at 2 o'clock in Common Pleas Court room.

Wednesday Morning.—G. A. R. parade. Camp fires, receptions, etc., balance of the week.





No. 2. F. J. TYRRELL,  
Past National Commander,

No. 3. JAMES KAVANAUGH,  
Past National Lieutenant Commander, St. Paul, Minn.

No. 1. WILLIAM L. ORR,  
Past National Fleet Engineer.

No. 4. P. W. HAGER,  
Secretary D. D. Porter Association, Louisville, Ky.

No. 5. JOHN BLACK,  
National Home, Marion, Indiana.





The *Louisville Times* of September 10, 1895, referring to the parade of the Naval Veterans said:

If the visitors to the city this week saw nothing else beside the parade of the Naval Veterans' Association they would be repaid for their coming. It was the first parade of the week and a prettier display was never made by them at any encampment. To the large majority of the thousands upon thousands of people who thronged the streets this morning, the sight of a naval uniform was a new experience.

Comparatively few of the younger generation had ever seen a "blue jacket" and to these the parade was a treat they had not counted on in coming to Louisville. While the parade tomorrow will be longer, it can hardly surpass the one of to-day in point of excellent management in getting the many organizations to participate, in promptness in forming, and in the appreciation manifested by the spectators.

Promptly to the minute the command "forward" was given, and the column moved from First and Broadway at 10.30 o'clock. There were represented in the parade thirty-seven different local associations, and made an imposing column.

A great crowd witnessed the start, and when the three rounds which announced that the line was ready to move was fired by the artillery there was a deafening cheer from the assembled throng. Hats were thrown in the air, and canes followed. Women waved their handkerchiefs, and the old tars responded to the salute with grateful bows and smiles.

From First street the parade moved down Broadway. The sidewalks, housetops, windows, and even the treetops along the route were literally alive with people. Arriving at Fourth and Broadway the procession turned in Fourth. Here they encountered the greatest crowd of their march. Not alone were the sidewalks thronged, but the streets as well. The street cars had been stopped by the police.

The line moved in Fourth street and down Jefferson, and, halting at Fifth and Jefferson streets, when Rear Admiral Allen

and staff repaired to the reviewing stand. This stand was designated by the "Flagship" colors, and the finest Union Jack ever in the city. It is made of the finest of blue silk and bears forty-four gilt stars. It has floated over several of the steamers of the regular navy during the ceremonies in harbors, and is now the property of the National Association.

## REPORT OF THE REAR ADMIRAL.

61 Willard Street, Hartford, Conn.

AUGUST 31, 1895.

*To The National Association of Naval Veterans, Assembled at Louisville, Ky.*

SHIPMATES:—In the execution of the duties of the office of National Commanding Officer to which you elected me at Pittsburgh, Pa., I beg to submit this report:

The following new associations have been added to our number during the present administration, and I am expecting hourly to hear from one or two other points that organizations have also been effected there.

Lake Superior Naval Veteran Association, Marquette, Mich.  
Commodore Hopkins Naval Veteran Association, Los Angeles, Cal.  
Admiral Rowan Naval Veteran Association, Portsmouth, Va.  
Admiral Foote Naval Veteran Association, St. Louis, Mo.

Various of the older associations have been recruiting and have greatly increased their membership. None have withdrawn or disbanded, and peace and harmony universally prevail.

I have made special efforts through the Division Chiefs and National Aids attached to my staff to organize associations at the various National and State Homes throughout the country. This effort, if continued by our successors, should result in adding to our number several additional organizations.

The organization of Naval Veteran Associations has already been productive of great good, and is likely in the near future to do even more in removing many unjust discriminations against

the sailor, so that he may stand equitably before the law alongside his comrade of the army and receive equal consideration.

Owing to circumstances of environments it has been much more difficult to obtain a pension for a deserving shipmate of the navy than for his fellow patriot, the comrade of the army, for it will be remembered the enlisted men of the navy shipped at some seaport and were sent from there to the nearest receiving ship, and taken from there as vessels needed crews, and put among officers and men they never saw before, and the survivors difficult to trace.

The army comrade, on the contrary, ordinarily joining a company formed at or near his home, and associated himself with friends who had previously known him, and who if they survived, could easily substantiate his claim.

The organization of Naval Associations and exchange of rosters between them is the most helpful work that has ever been done in that direction in enabling deserving shipmates to obtain justice. Therefore every naval veteran should be upon our rolls, not alone for the great good it would do him to be among his shipmates, but the greater incentive to be of service to others.

It is a very important question whether in view of the time consumed and attendant expenses, our association should for some years at least go to another distant western city to hold their annual convention, when but a fraction of our membership are in that locality.

As indicating the sentiments of the organization, the vote for a seaboard convention showed conclusively that over two-thirds favored Philadelphia or Brooklyn. Either city would offer superior attractions for instruction and enjoyment in 1896, and be within easy distance of probably 75 per cent. of our membership. It will be remembered that we have already accepted the invitation of Baltimore to come there in 1897. Another principle of our organization I have kept steadily in view, viz: The development of the United States Navy, and in every

possible way so far as our humble efforts could be utilized I have co-operated with all efforts to build and equip a navy that should be a credit to the country and a bulwark of defense in case of need. Hon. Edward Everett, of Massachusetts, said more than thirty years ago in Congress, "For territory situated on the seaboard naval skill and strength are the indispensable conditions of national independence, safety and power."

This Association has always regarded the Naval Reserve Force as a great adjunct to the navy in case of war, and we have encouraged and assisted in its organization by every means in our power. We therefore view with commendable pride the success it has attained in fourteen States, composed as it is of young men who have a fondness for the sea and an enthusiasm for their profession. The government has been exceedingly liberal in their treatment of these reserves, in so far as the meagre appropriation permitted, which was only about \$25,000, while over \$400,000 is attached to the land militia. I think it would be wise to ask Congress to at least double the appropriation for the Naval Reserves next year.

The practical training the Naval Reserves are getting is very valuable to the country; we do not know how soon we may have to call upon these young men for active service in repelling the sinister designs of England in acquiring additional foot-holds on this continent, should she persist in violating the Monroe Doctrine by her action in Venezuela. I believe the American people are fairly committed to that doctrine and mean to fight for it if necessary. I know the Naval Veterans do. The sentiment of old glorious Commodore Decatur is a good one to remember at this time: "My Country,—may she be always right, but right or wrong, my Country."

Our mortuary list, or death roll, is larger than ever this year, and comprised some of our most loyal workers, who have passed over the river to join the silent majority on the other shore. While expressing our sympathy let us not spend our time repining but close up our ranks and honor their memory by a

firmer determination than ever to battle for the principles they in their lifetime contended for, emulating the example of the dying Lawrence who gave us the sentiment of our national password: "Don't give up the Ship."

In conclusion, I desire to thank the officers and shipmates who have stood so loyally by my side during the past year and rendered cheerful and valuable assistance to me in the administration of the office.

Yours fraternally,

FRANCIS B. ALLEN,

*Rear Admiral Commanding.*

## REPORT OF THE CHIEF OF STAFF.

LOUISVILLE, KY., September 10, 1895.

To the Rear Admiral Commanding, Officers, Delegates, and Members of the Tenth Annual Convention, National Association of Naval Veterans:

SHIPMATES:—Since my appointment as Chief of Staff one year ago, I have labored earnestly, intelligently and faithfully to advance the interests and increase the usefulness of our association.

I have written over 300 letters and 58 newspaper articles, attended nearly all the meetings of the Farragut Association, No. 1, of the Port of Philadelphia, of which I have been an active member 28 years. I have, at some sacrifice of time and means, visited the local associations at New York City, Baltimore, Md., New Haven, Conn., and Louisville, Ky. And I embrace this opportunity of placing on record my sincere thanks and grateful appreciation for the warm welcome and generous hospitality extended to me by the shipmates of those places.

When we take into consideration the scattered and weakened condition of Naval Veterans generally, it seems surprising that four new associations has been added to our Roster during the past year. Being present at the birth of the National Associa-

tion and fortunately privileged to attend all conventions and re-unions so far held, I congratulate all concerned in its increasing popularity and patriotic character of the excellent material which constitutes its membership. May they live long to enjoy the blessings of peace secured in a great measure through their instrumentality.

Yours, fraternally,

WILLIAM SIMMONS.

### OFFICERS ELECTED AT LOUISVILLE.

The Tenth Annual Convention met in the Court House, on Jefferson Street, at 2 P. M., September 10, 1895. Rear Admiral F. B. Allen, presided; nearly all the local associations were represented and an election for officers to serve the ensuing year resulted in the selection of the following shipmates :

Rear Admiral, Samuel Alman, 227 Division avenue, Brooklyn, N. Y.  
 Commodore, E. C. Farquhar, 117 Putnam avenue, Zanesville, O.  
 Captain, George Fritchner, 340 West Main street, Louisville, Ky.  
 Commander, Wm. J. Ferguson, 1510 South Fifth street, Philadelphia, Pa.  
 Lieutenant-Commander, Edward D. Bliss, 880 De Kalb ave., Brooklyn, N. Y.  
 Senior Lieutenant D. Bungay, 100 Galena street, Freeport, Ill.  
 Junior Lieutenant, James Stanley, 144 Forty-first street, Brooklyn, N. Y.  
 Fleet Surgeon, Thomas G. Herron, 59 West Ninth street, Cincinnati, O.  
 Fleet Paymaster, Edw. F. Dustin, 90 Friendship street, Providence, R. I.  
 Fleet Engineer, George L. Seavey, 11 North Jefferson street, Chicago, Ill.  
 Fleet Chaplain, A. S. McWilliams, 253 West Kirby avenue, Detroit, Mich.  
 Judge Advocate General, Charles Cowley, 12 Middle street, Lowell, Mass.

#### *Appointments.*

National Secretary, Fred. E. Haskins, 767 Washington ave., Brooklyn, N. Y.  
 National Historian, John B. Wirt, 8 Indiana avenue, Indianapolis, Ind.  
 National Boatswain, Edwin Shelley, 259 Greenwich ave., New Haven, Conn.  
 Senior Aide and Chief of Staff, Walter E. Jacobs, 174 Saltonstall street, New Haven, Conn.

#### *General Order No. 1.*

(Series 1895-6.)

SEPTEMBER 30, 1895.

SHIPMATES:—Having been elected to the office of Rear Admiral Commanding at the Tenth Annual Convention at



Louisville, Ky., Septemebr 10, 1895, and duly installed on September 28, at New York City, in accordance with the orders of my predecessor, F. B. Allen, late Rear Admiral Commanding, I hereby assume command, with headquarters at No. 227 Division Avenue, Brooklyn, N. Y.

Commanding officers of associations will forward without delay to these headquarters, the name and full address of one member of the National Executive Committee and one National Aide on the Staff of the Rear Admiral Commanding. These selections should be made with great care and from among the best workers in the association.

A printed copy of the resolutions adopted at the Tenth Annual Convention will be forwarded to each commanding officer, and it must be read to the members of his association at the first meeting after receipt, and then be pasted in the official copy of the National Constitution and General Laws, for reference.

As the convention failed to revise the constitution and by-laws and to codify the several resolutions adopted since the publication of the constitution of 1892, I hereby appoint Past Rear Admiral B. S. Osbon, Past Commodore Cyrus Sears, and Past Lieut.-Commander W. H. Place, a "Committee on Revision" of the Constitution and By-Laws, who will prepare the "copy" to be submitted to the Eleventh Annual Convention for its action.

Attention is specially directed to the second resolution adopted at the Seventh Annual Convention held in Baltimore, September 16, 1892, requesting secretaries of local associations to forward bi-monthly reports to the National Secretary. Your commanding officer trusts that these reports will be made promptly. Send in the first at once.

Your attention is called to page 23 of the Ritual entitled "Annual Inspection," and your commanding officer gives timely notice that all the local associations may comply with this important regulation.



I hereby appoint as "Memorial Day Ritual Committee" the following shipmates: Past National Chaplains Robert Edwards, J. L. DeMott, A. S. McWilliams, who shall prepare at an early date a form of Memorial Day services to be used by all local associations on the 30th day of May, annually.

I desire to obtain your earnest interest in the welfare of the ladies of the Naval Veterans Association and the Naval Cadets, both of whom are auxiliary to the National Association and who are worthy of our encouragement and support.

Earnest and persistent work should be continued in localities where efforts have already been made to establish associations. Untried places should engage our thought and energy. I believe at an early date I shall have the pleasure to announce another important addition to our National forces by chartering a local association in a State not yet represented in our National Association.

The Fleet Paymaster, E. F. Dustin, has charge of all badges, buttons, ribbons, stationery and other supplies and will furnish them through the proper channels.

Enquiries as to addresses of shipmates and kindred subjects should be sent to the National Secretary, Fred. E. Haskins. The necessary return postage stamps must accompany the inquiry.

The Tenth Annual Convention and Reunion at Louisville, Ky., was, from all the reports that I have received, a very enjoyable one. The hospitality, generosity, and hearty reception given to our shipmates must be a source of great gratification. Unavoidably, your commanding officer was prevented from attending, though his heart and mind were there.

It is my earnest wish that the cheerful compliance, the ready willingness, the hearty co-operation and the fraternal relations which have been given successively to my predecessors, may be mine during the cruise we shall make together.

My desire and effort shall be the peace, prosperity and good of all my shipmates.

Fraternally yours,

SAMUEL ALMAN,

*Rear Admiral Commanding.*

W. E. JACOBS,

*Chief of Staff.*

Official.

FREDERICK E. HASKINS,

*National Secretary.*

### OBITUARY.

Shipmate Edward W. Smith, of the Farragut Association, of the Port of New York, died in Brooklyn, August 19, 1895, and was buried on August 22, in that city. Large delegations from the Farragut Association, Wm. Lloyd Garrison Post, No. 207, G. A. R., the Women's Relief Corps and other organizations were in attendance and were represented in the services. Shipmate Smith served during the war on the U. S. S. Malvern, Pawtuxet and Monticello.

## CHAPTER XIV.

Sketch of the Naval services of each senior officer.

## SKETCH OF THE NATIONAL SENIOR OFFICERS.

## CHARLES W. ADAMS

Was elected Commodore at our first convention in New York and served one term. He entered the navy before the Civil War as Master's Mate and was attached to the sloop-of-war "Portsmouth," on the coast of Africa. Afterwards transferred to frigate "Santee," West Gulf Squadron. In June, 1864, he was appointed Acting Master and assigned to sloop-of-war "Ossipee," participating in the battle of Mobile Bay, after which he was transferred to the ram "Tennessee," as Executive Officer and Commander at the time of her sale. After which he was assigned to the sloop-of-war "Vandalia," until final muster out October 2, 1868. At present in business in Chicago, Ill., and an active member of a local Naval Veteran Association in that city.

## JOSEPH HADFIELD

Was elected Commodore at our second annual convention in Philadelphia, and served one term. He entered the navy before the civil war, serving on the sloop-of-war "Hartford," from which he was transferred to gunboat "Varuna," West Gulf Squadron, participating in the battle of the forts on the lower Mississippi, and capture of New Orleans. After which he was transferred to gunboat "Lodona," as Acting Ensign, and served also on gunboat "Monticello," North Atlantic Squadron, until muster out August 26, 1865. At present resides in New York and is an active member of the Farragut Naval Veteran Association of that city. He is also past Junior Vice Commander in Chief of the Grand Army of the Republic.

## SYMMES E. BROWNE

Was elected Commodore at the convention held in Milwaukee, Wis., and served one term. He entered the navy at Cairo, Ill., January, 1862, and was assigned to the gunboat "Mound City," participating in a number of engagements on the western waters. He served also on gunboat "Tyler," as Ensign, and on the "Forest Rose" and "Signal," as Executive Officer, participating in the Red River Expedition, and was mustered out at the close of the war. He is at present located at Columbus, Ohio, and is an active member of the D. D. Porter Naval Veteran Association of that city. Shipmate Browne is also a prominent and active member of the G. A. R.

## WILLIAM S. WELLS

Was elected Commodore at the convention held in Boston, Mass., and re-elected with the rank of Rear Admiral at the convention which met at Detroit, Mich., serving in all two terms. He entered the navy as Engineer in 1862, and was assigned to the frigate "New Ironsides," in the South Atlantic Squadron. He also participated in the siege and capture of Fort Fisher, N. C., and resigned from the service October 12, 1870. Shipmate Wells is at present engaged in business at New Haven, Conn., and an active member of the Gideon Welles Naval Veteran Association, formerly the Naval Veteran Association of Connecticut.

## BRADLEY S. OSBON

Was elected Rear Admiral at the Baltimore convention, September 10, 1892. He served the association faithfully and intelligently and was re-elected for a second term by the convention which met at Indianapolis, Indiana, September 4, 1893.

Shipmate Osbon made extraordinary efforts to increase the usefulness, popularity and influence of the National Association and the extent of his services in this direction entitles him

to honorable mention. Attention is called to his official report as submitted to the convention at Pittsburgh. It is an interesting document and indicates his zeal and devotion to the cause. It may be found in these pages almost entire.

Shipmate Osbon was attached to the flagship Hartford at the capture of New Orleans and its defences, in April, 1862, and is now engaged in business in New York City.

#### FRANCIS B. ALLEN.

Shipmate Allen has been for a number of years Vice President of the Hartford Steam Boiler Inspection and Insurance Company, resides in Hartford, Conn., and is 54 years of age. He is prominent in the veteran movement, both Naval and Grand Army; was elected Rear Admiral Commanding National Association of Naval Veterans at the Pittsburgh Encampment in 1894; is Past Commander of the Naval Veteran Association of Connecticut, one of the largest associations in the Naval Veteran movement. He is also Aide-de-Camp on the Staff of Commander-in-Chief Lawler, Grand Army of the Republic, Vice President of the Army and Navy Club of Connecticut, and a member of the New York Commandery of the Loyal Legion. He is well known in insurance, engineering and veteran circles from the Atlantic to the Pacific.

#### *Summary of Naval Service.*

Appointed Engineer Corps U. S. Navy, March 1, 1862.

1862—U. S. Steamer Port Royal, Lieutenant Commander George U. Morris—James, Appomattox, Chickahominy and Potomac rivers.

1863-4—U. S. Steamer Port Royal, Lieutenant Commander Bancroft Gherardi, East and West Gulf Squadrons.

1865—U. S. Ironclad Dictator, Commodore John Rodgers, North Atlantic squadron.

1866-67—Special duty, New York.

1868—U. S. Flagship De Soto, Commodore C. S. Boggs, West India Squadron.

## REV. SAMUEL ALMAN.

As indicated in these pages, was elected Rear Admiral at Louisville, Ky., September 10, 1895. He entered the U. S. Navy in the year 1855, and was honorably discharged therefrom in the year 1865; during his term of enlistment he served on the following vessels, viz: "Macedonian," "Hartford," "Brooklyn," "Susquehanna," "Saratoga," "North Carolina," "Vermont," "Stepping Stones," "Adelia," and "Don."

Shipmate Alman located in Brooklyn, N. Y., at the close of the war and entered the ministry, being at present pastor of a large and influential Baptist Church. He is an active member and Past Commander of the Farragut Naval Veteran Association of the Port of New York. An eloquent speaker and popular among his associates.

## CHAPTER XV.

Name, date of charter and official number of associations represented. Official list of number of men from each State in the U. S. Navy during the civil war.

# ASSOCIATIONS COMPOSING THE NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF NAVAL VETERANS IN ORDER OF SENIORITY.

Official No.	Name of Association.	Headquarters.	Date of Organization.
1.	Farragut Association.....	Philadelphia, Pa.....	Aug. 5, 1867.
2.	Farragut Association.....	New York.....	Nov. 15, 1883.
3.	Gideon Welles Assn. of Conn.....	Hartford, Conn.....	June 18, 1884. ✓
4.	Farragut Association.....	Chicago, Ill.....	June 25, 1884.
5.	Essex Association.....	Salem, Mass.....	Feb. 26, 1887.
6.	Cushing Association.....	Milwaukee, Wis.....	June 4, 1888.
7.	Naval Association of the Gulf...	New Orleans, La.....	Sept. 1, 1888.
8.	Minnesota Association.....	St. Paul, Minn.....	April 15, 1889.
9.	D. D. Porter Association.....	Columbus, Ohio.....	July 20, 1889.
10.	Admiral Dahlgren Association...	Dayton, Ohio.....	Oct. 19, 1889.
11.	Farragut Association.....	Providence, R. I.....	Oct. 19, 1889.
12.	D. D. Porter Association.....	Louisville, Ky.....	March 2, 1890.
13.	Naval Veteran Association.....	Cincinnati, Ohio.....	Oct. 15, 1890.
14.	Maryland Association.....	Baltimore, Md.....	Jan. 1891.
15.	Naval Veteran Assn. of Illinois...	Chicago, Ill.....	Feb. 14, 1891.
16.	Shirk Association.....	Erie, Pa. ....	March 12, 1891.
17.	Admiral Dupont Association.....	Fort Worth, Texas...	March 21, 1891.
18.	T. A. Budd Association.....	Buffalo, N. Y.....	April 29, 1891.
19.	Potomac Association.....	Washington, D. C.....	Nov. 18, 1891.
20.	Cumberland Association.....	New Bedford, Mass...	Dec., 1891.
21.	Central New York Association...	Amsterdam, N. Y...	Dec. 18, 1891.
22.	Commodore Perry Association...	Cleveland, Ohio.....	Jan. 11, 1892.
23.	Michigan Association.....	Detroit, Mich.....	Jan. 11, 1892.
24.	Herrick Blue Association.....	Zanesville, Ohio.....	June 16, 1892.
25.	Monitor Association.....	Brooklyn, N. Y.....	Aug. 4, 1892.
26.	Kearsarge Association.....	Portsmouth, N. H.....	Chartered Jan. 2, 1893.
27.	Black Hawk Association.....	Indianapolis, Ind.....	Chartered Jan. 16, 1893.
28.	Dahlgren Association .....	Lowell, Mass. ....	Chartered Feb. 13, 1893.
29.	Kennebec Association.....	Bath, Me.....	Chartered Mar. 14, 1893.



Official No.	Name of Association.	Headquarters.	Date of Organization.
30.	Admiral S. C. Rowan Assn.....	Annapolis, Md.....	Chartered Oct. 27, 1893.
31.	Farragut Association.....	Boston, Mass.....	Chartered Nov. 22, 1893.
32.	Philadelphia Naval Vet. Assn...	Philadelphia, Pa.....	Chartered Jan. 20, 1894.
33.	Admiral Winslow Association...	Pittsburgh, Pa.....	Chartered Apl. 10, 1894.
34.	Rock River Naval Vet. Assn....	Rockford, Ills.....	Chartered May 15, 1894.
35.	Lake Superior Nav. Vet. Assn....	Marquette, Mich....	Chartered Oct. 19, 1894.
36.	Commodore Hopkins N.V. Assn..	Santa Monica, Cal...	Chartered Oct. 24, 1894.
37.	S. C. Rowan Assn. Naval Vet...	Portsmouth, Va.....	Chartered Dec. 22, 1894.
38.	Admiral Foote Nav. Vet. Assn...	St. Louis, Mo.....	Chartered Sept. 1, 1895.
39.	Admiral Boggs Nav. Vet. Assn...	Newark, N. J.....	Chartered Oct. 22, 1895.

## ENLISTMENTS IN THE NAVY DURING THE LATE WAR.

Furnished by the Navy Department.

*Statement of the number of enlistments during the late war within the bounds of each State, showing the States to which the men were credited, so far as reported on the returns made to the Bureau of Equipment and Recruiting.*

States, Etc.	CREDITS BY STATES.			Enlistments at rendezvous in several States and on board United States vessels, for which no credits are reported.	Total enlistments credited and not credited.
	Between April 15, 1861, and February 24, 1864, as provided by Section 8, Act of Congress, approved July 4, 1864.	From February 24, 1864, to June 30, 1865, as per records of Bureau of Equipment and Recruiting.	Total credits reported.		
Arkansas.....		4	4		4
Connecticut.....	1,804	758	2,559		2,559
Delaware.....	79	20	99		99
District of Columbia.....	558	409	967	87	1,054
Indiana.....	71	792	863		863
Illinois.....	1,171	738	1,909	541	2,450
Iowa.....		15	15		15
Kentucky.....	5	273	278		278
Louisiana.....		1	1	193	194
Maine.....	3,097	2,336	5,433	31	5,464
Massachusetts.....	16,834	1,519	18,353	2,681	21,034
Maryland.....	2,217	1,797	4,014	139	4,153
Michigan.....		341	341		341
Minnesota.....		3	3		3
Missouri.....		9	9		9
New Hampshire.....	371	434	805	777	1,582
New York.....	28,427	13,728	42,155	6,817	48,972
New Jersey.....	1,858	5,759	7,617	114	7,731
North Carolina.....		1	1	4	5
Ohio.....	1,076	2,281	3,357	479	3,836
Pennsylvania.....	9,529	2,408	11,937	481	12,418
Rhode Island.....		236	236	29	265
Tennessee.....		5	5	128	133
Texas.....		1	1		1
Vermont.....	103	622	725		725
Virginia.....		1	1	84	85
Wisconsin.....		89	89		89
Vessels on Ohio River.....				302	302
Vessels in Squadrons.....				7,290	7,290
	61,200	34,577	101,777	20,177	121,954

PAST FLEET SURGEON LORENZO TRAVER, M. D.,  
Providence, R. I.:

Was elected Surgeon of the National Association at the convention held in Milwaukee, Wis., August 28, 1889; re-elected at Boston, August 13, 1890; re-elected again at the ninth convention held at Pittsburgh, Pa., September 10, 1894. At the Louisville convention he was succeeded by Shipmate Thomas G. Herron, of Cincinnati, Ohio. Entered the U. S. Navy as acting assistant surgeon on board U. S. S. Delaware, at the Philadelphia Navy Yard, November 22, 1861. The vessel was soon ordered to join the "Burnside Expedition" in the sounds of North Carolina, and participated in the Battle of Roanoke Island, N. C., February 7, 1862, the Delaware as flagship. February 10, 1862, the same fleet of vessels, made some sixteen in number, with the Delaware as flagship, an attack on Elizabeth City, N. C., which was defended by seven Confederate gunboats, one sand battery with two guns, and a schooner anchored opposite the fort with two guns mounted. The engagement was a short one, lasting only fifteen minutes, a hand to hand conflict, boarding the vessels and running them down; the whole fleet was captured or destroyed except one vessel which made its escape through the Dismal Swamp canal to Norfolk, Va. February 20, 1862, while the Delaware was reconnoitering the Chowan river, N. C., she was fired into by a regiment of Confederates in ambush, completely filling the vessel with bullets. The next engagement by the same fleet and officers was an attack on the fortifications at New Berne, N. C., March 14, 1862, in conjunction with the army, the gunboats silencing and destroying the forts along the river Neuse, some five or six, while the land forces were in conflict with the Confederate forces a short distance back. March 20, five vessels, with the U. S. S. Delaware operated against Washington, N. C., until its surrender to the Union forces.

Detached from the "Delaware" November 8, 1863, and

ordered to U. S. S. *Proteus*, East Gulf Squadron, Key West, Florida. Detached from the *Proteus* May 5, 1865, and placed on "waiting orders," and on the 18th of October, 1865, was ordered to report to Commodore Hull, Philadelphia Navy Yard, to take passage in the U. S. S. *South Carolina*, to Galveston, Tex., to join the U. S. S. *Tallapoosa*, at that place. Some eighteen months were spent in this locality, cruising about Pensacola, Fla., Key West, the Mexican coast, and up to New Orleans, where he remained during the summer of 1866. Detached June 1, 1867, at Washington Navy Yard, and was ordered September 25, 1867, to join the U. S. S. *Corwin*, then at Portland, Me., engaged in the U. S. coast surveying duty. November 19, 1867, the vessel proceeded to Washington, D. C., where the officers, men and stores were transferred to the U. S. S. *Bibb*, which proceeded to Tortugas, in the Gulf of Mexico, for surveying duty. His resignation was accepted October 18, 1868, after having served seven years.

Dr. Traver has been in practice in Providence, R. I., for the past twenty-five years. He is a member of the Rhode Island Medical Society, the Providence Medical Association, the American Public Health Association, a Mason, a member of the Royal Society of Good Fellows, Knights of Pythias, Knights of Honor, Grand Army of the Republic, United States Veteran Association, National Association of Naval Veterans, surgeon two years, Soldiers' and Sailors' Historical Society, Military Order of the Loyal Legion of the United States, Commandery of the State of Pennsylvania, and of the Improved Order of Red Men; he was for eleven years secretary of Redwood Lodge, A. F. and A. M.; is at present surgeon of Farragut Association, Naval Veterans.

#### BERNARD CALLAGHAN.

Shipmate Bernard Callaghan, Paymaster of the Monitor Naval Veteran Association of the Port of Brooklyn, New York, entered the U. S. Navy soon after the commencement of



BERNARD CALLAGHAN.  
Paymaster Monitor Association of Naval Veterans, Port of Brooklyn, N. Y.



the civil war, and was ordered to the U. S. S. "Aries," connected with the North Atlantic Squadron.

The arduous duties and efficient service rendered by this squadron are matters of history; within its territorial limits occurred some of the most exciting events of the war.

Shipmate Callaghan, on account of wounds received in the service and in line of duty was honorably discharged from the service at Norfolk, Va., July 17, 1864, and located in Brooklyn, New York, where he now resides. He is a Past Senior Vice Commander of Gen. Devin Post, No. 148, Department of New York, G. A. R. He takes considerable interest in Naval Veteran affairs and is a charter member of the Monitor Association of Brooklyn, New York, which organized August 4, 1892.

#### JAMES H. EGAN,

Paymaster of the Naval Veteran Association of Illinois, entered the U. S. Navy soon after the commencement of the civil war and served on the following vessels, viz: "Princeton," "North Carolina," "Potomac," and "Ossipee;" while attached to the latter vessel, commanded by Captain William E. Le Roy, he participated in the great naval victory in Mobile Bay, August 5, 1864, and was with the first boat's crew that boarded the famous ram "Tennessee," after its surrender to Farragut's victorious fleet.

After the capture of Fort Morgan and occupation of Mobile the "Ossipee" was ordered to blockade duty on the coast of Texas, where it rendered important and effective service until the close of the war, when Shipmate Egan received an honorable discharge and located at Joliet, Illinois, where he is now engaged in the real estate, fire insurance and steamship business. He is a prominent worker in the interest of Naval Veterans and a charter member of the Illinois Association located at Chicago.



## CHAPTER XVI.

Naval Posts of the G. A. R. Location, date of charter, time of meeting and officers. Naval Camp Sons of Veterans. Naval Cadets. Ladies of the Naval Veterans.

## NAVAL POSTS OF THE G. A. R.

There are but three Posts of the Grand Army of the Republic whose membership is limited to Naval Veterans, located as follows:

## NAVAL POST 400, DEPT. OF PENNSYLVANIA.

Located at Philadelphia. Chartered December 12, 1883. Meets on Wednesday Evening, N. W. Cor. Eighth and Vine Streets. Officers for 1895, as follows: Commander, Michael Quigley; Senior Vice Commander, J. J. Sproul; Junior Vice Commander, G. W. Rivels; Chaplain, W. J. Morgan; Adjutant, F. Robinson; Quartermaster, William Crooks; Surgeon, William Simmons; Officer of the Deck, James E. Boyle; Officer of the Guard, Johnston Sloan; Delegates, J. F. Mackie, W. J. Ferguson, Frank Robinson, William Simmons.

## NAVAL POST, NO. 516, DEPT. OF NEW YORK.

Located in New York City. Chartered October 26, 1884. Meets semi-monthly in the hall of Essex Market, corner Grand and Ludlow Streets. Officers for 1895: Commander, T. J. Twomey; Senior Vice Commander, John Boland; Junior Vice Commander, W. Churchill; Chaplain, E. F. Jennings; Surgeon, E. Russell; Officer of the Deck, E. Jones; Delegates, F. H. Grove, B. S. Osbon, A. C. L. Borie, G. W. Bostwick.

## STEVENS NAVAL POST, NO. 104, DEPT. OF NEW JERSEY.

Located at Hoboken, N. J. Chartered April 6, 1887. Officers for 1895, are as follows: Commander, H. F. Rockenstye;

Senior Vice Commander, James Shaw; Junior Vice Commander, John Nolan; Adjutant, James Garrigan; Quartermaster, Charles Brown; Chaplain, A. A. Rowe; Surgeon, J. Lensing; Officer of the Deck, H. F. C. Kruse; Officer of the Guard, F. McFadden; Delegates, James Garrigan, James Shaw.

#### NAVAL CAMP, NO. 400, SONS OF VETERANS.

This is the only Naval Camp in the United States, and meets weekly on Monday Evenings, in Naval Post Hall, Philadelphia. It was chartered by the Division of Pennsylvania, November 5, 1890, and is officered as follows: Captain, E. B. Hughley; First Lieutenant, George R. Harley; Second Lieutenant, J. E. Harley.

#### UNITED STATES MARINE LEGION, ORGANIZED AT WASHINGTON, D. C. SEPT. 21, 1892.

##### SURVIVORS U. S. MARINE CORPS.

##### *Officers.*

Colonel Commanding, Joseph Smolinski, 616 Sixth St., N. W. Washington, D. C.  
Lieutenant-Colonel, Judge F. Shoemaker, 461 Chew Street, Waverly, N. Y.  
Adjutant, William Simmou, 1432 Wharton Street, Philadelphia, Pa.  
Major, John F. Mackie, 251 South Eighth Street, Philadelphia, Pa.  
Captain, John Donovan, Boston, Massachusetts.  
Paymaster, Harry S. Haslam, Philadelphia, Pa.  
Chaplain, William M. George, 121 South Main Street, Elkhart, Ind.

#### THE MISSISSIPPI RIVER RAM FLEET.

Officers for the coming year as follows: Commander, John M. Ackerman, of Louisville; Senior Vice Commander, James M. Ellis, Mattoon, Ill.; Junior Vice Commander, John H. Owens, Charlestown, Ind.; Officer of the Day, D. M. Vaughan, Cleveland, O.; Historian and Treasurer, M. D. Crandall, St. Louis, Mo.; Surgeon, G. S. Case, Los Angeles, Cal.; Chaplain, Henry N. Crowder, Port Huron, Mich.

The Mississippi River Ram Fleet was a very important factor in the late war. It was fitted out by the War Department early in 1862 at various points in Ohio. It consisted of nine vessels

in all—four side-wheelers and five stern-wheelers. Two of the latter, the *Fulton* and *Horner*, were dispatch boats. The side-wheelers were the *Queen of the West*, *Monarch*, *Switzerland* and *Lancaster*. The *Lioness*, *Sampson* and *Mingo* were ordinary stern-wheelers. All were made into very serviceable and seaworthy rams by changing their shape and reducing their weight. The prows were sharpened, the works above deck cut as low as possible, new engines and boilers were put in and all protected and strengthened as much as possible.

The plans for this work were drawn by and carried out under the direction of the then noted architect, Charles M. Ellet, Jr., who became its first commander. In addition to the regular crew the boats carried companies of carefully-selected soldiers. Boat, crew and soldiers were examined by a military officer. These soldiers were the flower of the Fifty-ninth, Sixty-third and Eighteenth Illinois Volunteers and were the best of the regimental sharp-shooters.

The first regular engagement in which the fleet took part was the naval battle just above Memphis, June 6, 1862. Previous to this they had done convoy duty, occasionally picking off a gray-garmented enemy. In the Memphis battle the fleet accomplished some wonderful work. From this time on it was recognized as a most important factor in the war.

At Memphis Col. Ellet was killed. He was succeeded by his brother Lieut. Col. Alfred M. Ellet, who afterwards became a Major General, and was in turn succeeded by Col. Charles Rivers Ellet, son of the first commander. The Fleet's last commander was Lieut. Col. John Ellet. The Ellet family of heroes, it will thus be seen, were in command from the organization of the fleet to the day it was mustered out of service.

The Mississippi Marine Brigade was also conceived and organized by Gen. Alfred M. Ellet. Its mission was to protect Northern commerce on the Mississippi and its tributaries from bush-whackers and river pirates. It was fitted up to resist small arms only. The vessels were the *Autocrat* (flagship), *Diana*,

Baltic, Paine, Adams, Fairchild (storeship), Woodford (hospital), and a dispatch boat, the Cleveland. The crews numbered in all about 2,000 men. They were recruited for the most part from convalescents from camps and hospitals. Much good work was accomplished by the Ram Fleet and the Marine Brigade in the Mississippi, Yazoo, Tennessee and Red Rivers. Both branches of river defense were disbanded formally in 1865.

## LADIES OF THE NAVAL VETERAN ASSOCIATION OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA.

ORGANIZED APRIL 7, 1892.

### PREAMBLE.

We, Mothers, Wives, Daughters, Sisters, Grand-daughters and Daughters-in-law of the Naval Veterans, having the interest of the sailor at heart, who aided in maintaining the honor and integrity of the National Government during the War of the Rebellion between April 12, 1861, and August 25, 1865; also, of all female descendants of the war of 1812, and the Mexican War, and whom we honor for their past achievements, do form ourselves and unite in an Association to be composed of the before named Mothers, Wives, Daughters, Sisters, Grand-daughters and Daughters-in-law of the late Rebellion, and all female descendants of the war of 1812 and Mexican War.

### OBJECTS.

SECTION 1. To unite with loyalty, live for each other, to practice the precepts of true fraternity of feeling towards all sisters of our association, to strengthen the ties of fraternal fellowship and sympathy, to advance the best interest of the association and its members and to maintain the honor of the American flag.

SECT. 2. To assist the Naval Veterans in their high and holy mission, and encourage and sympathize with them in their noble

work of charity; to extend needful aid to members in sickness and distress.

SECT. 3. To further the interests of all subordinate associations, and to institute new associations throughout the United States of America.

#### ELIGIBILITY.

SECTION 1. Mothers, Wives, Daughters, Sisters, Grand-daughters and Daughters-in-Law who have attained the age of fifteen years, of honorably discharged sailors of the United States Navy Marine Corp and Revenue Service, in connection with Naval forces who served between April 12, 1861, and August 25, 1865, also all female descendants of the war of 1812, and the Mexican War, shall be eligible to membership in this Association.

SECT. 2. Shipmates of the National Association of Naval Veterans in good standing in their respective Association are eligible to membership in this association, and shall not be required to pay initiation fees or dues, and shall not vote on any question.

This excellent association was organized at Providence, R. I., and there are now connected with it six local associations in the order of seniority as follows:

Providence, R. I.; New Bedford, Mass.; Salem, Mass.; Baltimore, Md.; Brooklyn, N. Y., and Philadelphia, Penna.

The badge adopted consists of an anchor suspended from each end of a pin bar on which is engraved the initials L. of N. V. A. It is bronze metal, with a star on shank of the anchor, and is worn over a Union Jack, on the left breast. A general meeting of the association was held at Pittsburgh, Penna., in September, 1894, during the G. A. R. Encampment.

Perhaps the most prominent and active worker in the cause is the Past Captain Commanding, Mrs. Ellen E. Traver, of Providence, R. I., a lady of unusual intelligence and ability, who is also identified with the Ladies of the G. A. R., and is the Treasurer of Gen. J. A. Logan Circle of Providence, R. I.

## NAVAL CADETS, PORT OF NEW YORK.

Our association was organized April 24, 1890. At our first meeting fifteen members were present, and through the kind efforts and most earnest support of the Farragut Veterans, and the members of our organization, the Cadets have grown to a membership of one hundred and fifty.

The object of our organization, is to promote military discipline, patriotism, loyalty, friendship and charity, and to respect the flag and laws of our country, and to protect the interests of our members. "One for all and all for one."

Our organization is an auxiliary to the Farragut Association of Naval Veterans of the Port of New York. All young men, over seventeen years of age, of good character, are entitled to membership; we also have a Junior Branch, for boys between twelve and seventeen. Our uniforms are the regulation uniforms of our navy, the only exception being silver trimmings, instead of gold.

The Cadets are taking a most earnest interest in the welfare of our organization, and they are very careful to see that our flag, the Stars and Stripes, is respected wherever they go. On several occasions, our flag has been used for advertising purposes, by some ignorant foreigners, who placed upon them various advertisements, for the interest of their business, and the same being discovered some of the members demanded that the advertisements be removed, and on the refusal thereof, they captured the flag, and are keeping it as a relic. We are showing the people, wherever we go, that there is but one flag that we love, and that is the Star Spangled Banner.

The old veterans have taken care of our flag in the past, and we are ready to take care of it in the future. We drill every Friday night, at our headquarters, Essex Market. The drills consist of regular military tactics, single stick, cutlass, gun and howitzer drills. We participate in all the parades, and also attend the funeral of all Naval Veterans connected with the

Farragut Association, and show our last respect to them by firing a volley over their graves, which is the last honor that we can show to those who so bravely fought in our late war.

We desire to organize similar organizations all over the country, and would be pleased to hear from any association that would like to organize a Cadet Corps. They will kindly address all communications to Captain G. A. Knerner, Room 12, Essex Market, N.Y.





THOMAS G. HERRON, M. D.  
Fleet Surgeon, Cincinnati, Ohio.



## CHAPTER XVII.

Naval squadrons of the civil war. Numerical strength in vessels and men each year, and commanders of each in the order of service. Destruction of the *Alabama*: official report of Captain Winslow. Description of the *Kearsarge*, list of officers and an account of the *Alabama* claims commission.

## HISTORICAL SKETCH OF OUR NAVAL SQUADRONS.

TERRITORY COVERED BY EACH AND NAME OF RESPECTIVE COMMANDERS IN THE ORDER OF SERVICE.

*Average Number of Men and Vessels each Year of the War as Indicated by Official Records on the Subject.*

## THE POTOMAC FLOTILLA.

Organized April, 1861. Embraced all the vessels in commission serving on the Potomac, Rappahannock and Piankatank rivers, the Chesapeake Bay and adjacent waters. Its respective commanders in the order of their service was: J. H. Ward, T. T. Craven, R. H. Wyman, Charles Wilkes, A. H. Harwood, and Foxhall A. Parker.

The Flotilla was disbanded for want of further use July 31, 1865, by orders of the Secretary of the Navy. The following are the principal vessels which constituted the Potomac Flotilla, whose vigilance and devotion to the cause for which they fought contributed very largely to saving the nation's capital from capture by the insurgents, an object which they sought to accomplish by a blockade of the Potomac: Pawnee, Resolute, Freeborn, Anticosta, Teaser, Reliance, Yankee, Piedmontese, Wyandank, Jacob Bell, Harriet Lane Morse, Satellite, Stepping Stone, Mercury, Don, Heliotrope, Sangamon, Ella Dragon,

Tulip, Com. Reed, Com. Jones, Fuchsia, Primrose, Sonoma, and a few others whose names have escaped the writer's memory.

#### AVERAGE NUMERICAL STRENGTH.

From April, 1861, to December, 1861, 10 vessels, 587 men.  
 From January, 1862, to December, 1862, 24 vessels, 463 men.  
 From January, 1863, to December, 1863, 17 vessels, 360 men.  
 From January, 1864, to December, 1864, 19 vessels, 572 men.  
 From January, 1865, to July 31, 1865, 25 vessels, 826 men.

The vessels of this Flotilla were originally within the territorial limits of the North Atlantic Squadron, but in the early part of the war was constituted a separate command and rendered important service in the vicinity of Annapolis, Baltimore, the Bush, Gunpowder and Susquehanna rivers, when the Confederate forces invaded the loyal States. Captain J. H. Ward, its first commander, was killed during an engagement with a rebel battery at Mathias Point on the Potomac river, June 27, 1861.

#### THE NORTH ATLANTIC SQUADRON.

Was organized in April, 1861, and embraces all vessels in commission on the coast of Virginia and North Carolina, extending from the Chesapeake Bay to the southern outlet of Cape Fear River, including the James, York and Elizabeth rivers and Hampton Roads. It was discontinued as a separate command June 30, 1865. Its respective commanders in the order of service was: J. G. Pendergrast, S. H. Stringham, L. M. Goldsborough, S. P. Lee, and D. D. Porter.

To the men and vessels of this squadron we are in a measure indebted for the signal victories at Hatteras Inlet, under Stringham; at Roanoke Island, under Goldsborough; at Hampton Roads, under Worden; at Fort Macon, under Lee; at Fort Fisher, under Porter, and on the Roanoke river, under Cushing.

Its average strength each year of the war, as indicated by official records on the subject, was as follows:

From April to December, 1861, 21 vessels, 4,360 men. From

January, 1862, to December, 1862, 43 vessels, 5,029 men. From January, 1863, to December, 1863, 49 vessels, 5,801 men. From January, 1864, to December, 1864, 55 vessels, 10,996 men. From January, 1865, to June, 1865, 120 vessels, 5,887 men.

#### THE SOUTH ATLANTIC SQUADRON

Was organized October 1, 1861, and embraced all vessels on the coasts of South Carolina, Georgia, and Florida as far south as Cape Canaveral, a distance of about three hundred and fifty miles.

To the men of this squadron we are indebted for the capture of Port Royal and its defences, valuable service rendered in Charleston harbor and elsewhere along the coast of the States named. Commodore Samuel F. Dupont was the first commander and was relieved at his own request by Rear Admiral J. A. Dahlgren, July 6, 1863. Dahlgren continued in command until the close of the war, when the squadron was disbanded as a separate command.

Its average numerical strength during the progress of the war was as follows, as indicated by official records on the subject:

From October, 1861, to December, 1861, 31 vessels, 5,693 men. From January, 1862, to December, 1862, 52 vessels, 5,722 men. From January, 1863, to December, 1863, 61 vessels, 7,006 men. From January, 1864, to December, 1864, 68 vessels, 6,735 men. From January, 1865, to June, 1865, 81 vessels, 6,498 men.

#### THE EAST GULF SQUADRON.

Established in the fall of 1861 and embraced all the vessels operating on coast of Florida, extending from Cape Canaveral on the east to Pensacola on the west, including the waters of the Bahama Islands and vicinity of Cuba, with headquarters at Key West.

To this squadron we are indebted for an effective blockade of the extensive Florida coast and the capture of some of the most

valuable prizes of the war. The squadron was discontinued in June, 1865. Its respective commanders in the order of service were : W. H. Mervine, W. W. McKean, Thadorus Bailey, Theodore P. Green, and C. K. Stribling.

Its average numerical strength each year of the war, as indicated by the official record on the subject, was as follows:

From January, 1862, to December, 1862, 20 vessels, 2,017 men. From January, 1863, to December, 1863, 24 vessels, 2,068 men. From January, 1864, to December, 1864, 34 vessels, 2,191 men. From January, 1865, to June, 1865, 30 vessels, 2,197 men.

#### THE WEST GULF SQUADRON

Was organized in the fall of 1861. Embracing all vessels serving on the Gulf Coast, extending from Pensacola on the east to the Rio Grande river on the west, on the coast of Alabama, Mississippi, Louisiana and Texas, and at one time included the Mississippi river as far as Vicksburg. To this squadron we are indebted for the brilliant victory on the Lower Mississippi, which resulted in the capture of New Orleans and its defenses and made a Southern Confederacy an absolute impossibility. Its services at Fort Pickens, Mobile Bay, Port Hudson, and Vicksburg, are matters of history familiar to readers of war literature. Its respective commanders in the order of service were: W. W. McKean, D. G. Farragut, H. H. Bell, James Palmer, and H. K. Thatcher.

Its average numerical strength each year of the war was as follows:

From October, 1861, to December, 1861, 59 vessels, 7,371 men. From January, 1862, to December, 1862, 64 vessels, 6,469 men. From January, 1863, to December, 1863, 62 vessels, 6,969 men. From January, 1864, to December, 1864, 72 vessels, 6,255 men. From January, 1865, to June 30, 1865, 55 vessels, 5,876 men.

## THE WESTERN FLOTILLA.

Organized in the fall of 1861 and embraced all vessels operating on four thousand miles of navigable waters in the western States, extending from Cairo to New Orleans. Originally controlled by the War Department but transferred to the Navy Department in January, 1862. Its most important service was rendered at Belmont, Memphis, Island No. 10, Fort Pillow, Shiloh, Forts Henry, Donelson, Hindman, Wright and Vicksburg, and rendered important service on the Tennessee, Cumberland, Yazoo and Red Rivers. Its commanders in the order of service were: John Rodgers, A. H. Foote, C. H. Davis, D. D. Porter S. P. Lee and S. M. Pennock.

Its average numerical strength each year of the war was:

From January, 1862, to December, 1862, 27 vessels, 2,049 men. From January, 1863, to December, 1863, 54 vessels, 4,279 men. From January, 1864, to December, 1864, 81 vessels, 6,569 men. From January, 1865, to June, 1865, 90 vessels, 7,020 men.

## THE PACIFIC SQUADRON

Was commanded by Commodore Charles H. Bell until October 25, 1864, at which time he was relieved by Rear Admiral George F. Pearson, who continued in command until the war closed. This squadron consisted of about half a dozen vessels whose duty it was to convoy the California steamers and guard our interests on the Pacific coast, coast of Mexico and Central America.

## THE WEST INDIA SQUADRON

Was a special squadron organized in the fall of 1862. Commanded by Charles Wilkes until January, 1864, when he was relieved by Rear Admiral James L. Lardner.

This squadron was composed of fast vessels with roving commission for the purpose of intercepting blockade runners and exterminating piracy. They looked after our interests generally



on the high seas. We are indebted to the vessels and men of this squadron for the capture of the pirate "Florida" on the coast of Brazil, the pirate "Georgia" on the coast of Europe, and the ram "Stonewall" near Havana, and the destruction of the "Alabama" on the coast of France in June, 1864.

The following vessels were attached to this squadron, viz: Niagara, Vanderbilt, Wachusett, Susquehanna, Pontoosie, Sacramento, Kearsarge, Iroquois, Tuscarora, Chippewa, Powhattan, Mohican, Florida.

Destruction of the privateer Alabama, by the U. S. S. Kearsarge, off Cherbourg, France. Official report of Captain Winslow, U. S. N.

#### THE PIRATE ALABAMA. DETAILS OF HER DEFEAT. WINSLOW'S VICTORY.

United States steamer "Kearsarge," June 19, 1864, P. M. Sir:—I have the honor to inform the department that the day subsequent to the arrival of the Kearsarge off this port on the 14th inst., I received a note from Captain Semmes, begging that the Kearsarge would not depart, as he intended to fight her and would only delay her a day or two.

According to this notice the Alabama left the port of Cherbourg this morning at about 9.30 o'clock.

At 10.20 we discovered her steering toward us, and fearing the question of jurisdiction might arise, we steamed out to sea until a distance of six or seven miles was obtained from the Cherbourg breakwater, when we rounded to and commenced steaming for the Alabama.

As we approached and when within about 1,200 yards, she opened fire, we receiving two or three broadsides before a shot was returned.

The action continued, the respective steamers making a circle around and around at a distance of about 900 yards from each other.

At the expiration of an hour, the Alabama struck, going down twenty minutes afterwards, and carrying many persons with her.

It affords me great gratification to report to the department that every officer and man did their duty, exhibiting a degree of coolness and fortitude which gave promise at the very outset of certain victory.

I have the honor to be most respectfully, your obedient servant,

JOHN A. WINSLOW,  
*Captain.*

HON. GIDEON WELLES, *Secretary of the Navy.*

United States steamer Kearsarge, Cherbourg, France, June 20, 1864.—Sir:—I inclose herewith the surgeon's report of the casualties on board this vessel in the late action with the Alabama.

Although we received some twenty-five or thirty shots, twelve or thirteen taking effect in the hull, by the mercy of God we have been spared the loss of any one life, whereas in the case of the Alabama I have heard the carnage was dreadful.

The ships were about equal in match, the tonnage being the same.

The Alabama carried a 100-pound rifle, with one heavy 68-pounder, and six broadside 32 pounders.

The Kearsarge carried four broadside 32-pounders, two 11-inch and one 28-inch rifle, being four less than her antagonist.

The only shot which I fear will give us any trouble is a 100-pound rifle, which entered our sternport and remains at present unexploded.

It would seem almost invidious to particularize the conduct of any man or officer in an affair in which all have done their duty with a fortitude and coolness which cannot be too highly praised, but I deem it due to my executive officer, Lieutenant Commander Thornton, who superintended the working of the

battery, to particularly mention him for an example of coolness and encouragement of the men while fighting, which contributed much towards the success of the action. I have the honor to be very respectfully your obedient servant,

JOHN A. WINSLOW,  
*Captain.*

HON. G. WELLES, *Secretary of the Navy.*

#### THE STEAMER KEARSARGE.

The Kearsarge is a third-rate screw gunboat, of 1,031 tons. She carried eight broadside guns, one bow pivot and two stern boat howitzers.

The steam sloop Kearsarge was built in Boston, in 1862, and left for special service about a year after. She is a very handsome vessel and her officers have diligently watched for an opportunity to engage both the Alabama and Florida.

Here is a list of the officers commanding the vessel, now to become so well-marked in our naval history.

Captain, John A. Winslow; Lieutenant-Commander, James S. Thornton; Surgeon, John M. Brown; Paymaster, Joseph A. Smith; Chief Engineer, William A. Cushman; Second Assistant, William H. Bedlam; Third Assistants, Fred L. Miller, Sydney L. Smith and Henry McConnell; Boatswain, James C. Walton; Acting Gunner, Franklin A. Graham.

#### THE KEARSARGE AND THE ALABAMA CLAIMS.

The historical fight between the United States war steamer Kearsarge and the confederate cruiser Alabama, which occurred off the coast of France, June 19, 1864, had very important results. Besides adding another to the long string of victories which form the record of the United States Navy, it ended the career of a vessel which had inflicted enormous damage on American commerce and laid the foundation for the achievement by the United States of a diplomatic victory not less signal than the one achieved at sea. During her career of nearly two

years the *Alabama* captured and burned sixty-five vessels and destroyed properly valued at \$6,000,000. She was not a powerful vessel, but she was a terror to American commerce because she had the run of the ocean and attacked every unarmed American ship she encountered. It remained for the *Kearsarge*, under Capt. Winslow, to put an end to this destructive career.

Two years after the war closed the depredations committed on American commerce by the *Alabama* and other confederate cruisers built or equipped in British ports became the subject of diplomatic correspondence between the governments of the United States and Great Britain. The contention on the part of this government was that Great Britain was liable in damages for the depredations of these cruisers. The claim was stubbornly resisted by Great Britain, and the result was a diplomatic correspondence of great length, marked by rare ability on both sides, but with the weight of argument distinctly in favor of the United States. The correspondence finally resulted in an agreement by both sides for the appointment of a tribunal of five arbitrators, of whom the President of the United States was to appoint one, the British government another, and the Emperor of Brazil, the King of Italy and the President of Switzerland one each. The arbitrators met at Geneva, Switzerland, May 15, 1871, and their deliberations continued till September 14, 1872. The result was an award in favor of the United States of \$15,500,000, "to be paid in gold by Great Britain to the United States." This award covered the depredations committed by several other cruisers besides the *Alabama*, but the award and claims have always been known as the *Alabama* claims.

## CHAPTER XVIII.

List of vessels and commanders thereof under Flag Officer Stringham at Hatteras Inlet. DuPont at Port Royal. Goldsborough at Roanoke Island. Foote at Fort Henry. Farragut at New Orleans and Mobile Bay.

## NAVAL EXPEDITIONS OF THE CIVIL WAR.

## HATTERAS INLET EXPEDITION

was, by authority of the Navy Department, fitted out in Hampton Roads in August, 1861, and commanded by Flag Officer Stringham, and accompanied by a land force of about 1,000 men, under command of General Butler. The following vessels and commanders constituted the expedition:

Minnesota.....	Captain Van Brunt
Wabash.....	Captain Mercer
Monticello.....	Captain Gillis
Susquehanna.....	Captain Chauncey
Pawnee.....	Captain Rowan
Cumberland.....	Captain Marston
Harriet Lane.....	Captain Faunce
Adelaide.....	Captain Stellwagen
George Peabody.....	Captain Lowry
Fanny.....	Captain Crosby

## PORT ROYAL EXPEDITION UNDER FLAG OFFICER DUPONT.

NOVEMBER 7, 1861.

The following are the vessels and number of guns carried by each, and names of their respective commanders which constituted the expedition, and whose brilliant achievements won the grateful plaudits of the Loyal North.

*Vessels of the Port Royal Expedition, Number of Guns, and Name of Commander*

Vessels.	Guns.	Commander.
Wabash .....	40 .....	C. R. P. Rodgers.
Susquehanna .....	23 .....	J. L. Lardner.
Bienville.....	10 .....	Charles Steadman.

Vessels.	Guns.	Commander.
Mohican.....	8 .....	S. W. Godon.
Vandalia.....	8 .....	F. S. Haggerty.
Augusta.....	8 .....	E. G. Perrott.
Penguin.....	6 .....	T. A. Budd.
Pocahontas.....	5 .....	Percival Drayton.
Curlew.....	5 .....	P. G. Watmough.
Seminole.....	4 .....	J. P. Gillis.
Pawnee.....	4 .....	R. H. Wyman.
Unadilla.....	4 .....	Napoleon Collins.
Ottawa.....	4 .....	T. H. Stevens.
Pauline.....	4 .....	J. T. Bankhead.
Seneca.....	4 .....	Daniel Ammen.
Isaac Smith.....	9 .....	F. S. Conover.

ROANOKE ISLAND EXPEDITION UNDER FLAG OFFICER GOLDS-  
BOROUGH, FEBRUARY 8 AND 9, 1862.

*Vessels of the Roanoke Island Expedition.*

Stars and Stripes.....	Reed Warden
Louisiana.....	Alexander Murray
Hetzel.....	H. K. Davenport
Underwriter.....	Wm. N. Jeffers
Delaware .....	S. P. Quackenbush
Commodore Perry.....	C. W. Flusser
Valley City.....	C. J. Chaplin
Commodore Barney.....	R. T. Renshaw
Hunchback.....	E. R. Calhoun
Southfield .....	C. F. W. Behm
Morse.....	Peter Haynes
Whitehead.....	C. A. French
Lockwood.....	G. W. Graves
Brincker.....	J. E. Giddings
Seymour.....	F. S. Wells
Ceres.....	John McDiarmid
Putnam.....	W. J. Hotchkiss
Shawsheen.....	T. J. Woodward
Granite.....	Edward Boomer
Picket.....	T. P. Ives
Huzzar.....	Frederick Crocker
Pioneer.....	Charles E. Baker
Vidette.....	Samuel Emerson
Ranger.....	M. B. Morley
Lancer.....	John L. Foster
Chasseur.....	John West

*List of Vessels and Commanders of each under Flag Officer Foote at Fort Henry,  
February, 1862.*

Essex.....	Captain W. D. Porter
Cincinnati.....	Captain R. G. Stembel
Carondelet.....	Captain Henry Walke
St. Louis.....	Captain Leonard Paulding
Conestoga.....	Captain S. L. Phelps
Taylor.....	Captain William Gwinn
Lexington.....	Captain J. W. Shirk

FLAG OFFICER FARRAGUT'S FLEET.

The following are the vessels of Farragut's fleet, with the names of their commanders, which participated in the capture of New Orleans and its defences April 18 to 25, 1862:

*Sloops of War.*

Vessels.	Commanders
Hartford.....	Richard Wainwright
Brooklyn.....	Thomas T. Craven
Richmond.....	James Alden
Pensacola.....	H. W. Morris
Mississippi.....	Melancthon Smith
Portsmouth.....	Samuel Swartwout
Oneida.....	S. P. Lee
Iroquois.....	John De Camp

*Gunboats.*

Cayuga.....	N. B. Harrison
Itasca.....	C. H. B. Caldwell
Kennebec.....	John H. Russell
Kinio.....	George M. Ransom
Katahdin.....	George H. Preble
Pinola.....	Pierce Crosby
Sciota.....	Edward Donaldson
Verona.....	C. H. Boggs
Winona.....	Ed. T. Nichols
Wissahickon.....	A. N. Smith

*Commander D. D. Porter's Mortar Flotilla Steamers.*

Harriet Lane.....	J. M. Wainwright
Miami.....	A. D. Howell
Westfield.....	W. D. Renshaw
J. P. Jackson.....	S. E. Woodworth
Owasco.....	John Guest
Clifton.....	C. H. Baldwin
Sachem.....	L. G. Crane



*Mortar Schooners.*

Vessels.	Commanders.
Norfolk Packet.....	Watson Smith
Oliver H. Lee.....	Washington Godfrey
Para.....	E. G. Turber
C. P. Williams.....	A. R. Langthorne
Arletta.....	Thomas E. Smith
William Bacon.....	Wm. P. Rogers
Sophronia.....	L. Bartholomew
T. A. Ward.....	W. W. Queen
M. T. Carlton.....	Charles E. Jack
Matthew Vassar.....	H. H. Savage
George Mangham.....	John Collins
Orvette.....	F. E. Blanchard
S. C. Jones.....	J. D. Graham
Adolph Hugel.....	J. Van Buskirk
Horace Beals.....	K. R. Breeze
John Griffiths.....	Henry Brown
Sarah Bruen.....	A. Christian
Racer.....	Alvin Phinney
Henry James.....	L. W. Pennington
Dan Smith.....	Geo. W. Brown

“FARRAGUT’S AUGUST MORNING IN MOBILE  
BAY,” AUGUST 5, 1864.

*Vessels Engaged and Commander of Each.*

Vessels.	Commanders.
Tecumseh.....	T. A. McCraren (lost.)
Manhattan.....	J. W. A. Nicholson.
Winnebago.....	F. A. Stevens.
Chickasaw.....	Geo. H. Perkins.
Brooklyn.....	James Alden.
Octoraro.....	C. H. Greene.
Hartford.....	Percival Drayton.
Metacomet.....	J. E. Jouet.
Richmond.....	T. A. Jenkins.
Port Royal.....	Bancroft Gherardi.
Lackawana.....	J. B. Marchand.
Seminole.....	Edward Donaldson.
Monongahela.....	J. H. Strong.
Kennebec.....	W. P. McCann.
Ossipee.....	W. E. Le Roy.
Itasca.....	George Brown.
Oneida.....	C. L. Huntington.
Galena.....	C. H. Wells.

## CHAPTER XIX.

List of vessels and commanders thereof in January, 1865, in the North Atlantic Squadron, and at Fort Fisher under Rear Admiral D. D. Porter.

VESSELS OF THE NORTH ATLANTIC SQUADRON UNDER ADMIRAL  
D. D. PORTER, JANUARY, 1865, FROM NAVAL  
REGISTER OF THAT DATE.

Vessels.	Commodores.
New Ironsides.....	William Radford.
Minnesota.....	Joseph Lanman.
Colorado.....	Henry K. Thatcher.
Wabash.....	Melancthon Smith.
Susquehanna.....	S. W. Godon.
Powhatan.....	James F. Schenck.
Captains.	
Brooklyn.....	James Alden.
Vanderbilt.....	Charles W. Pickering.
Juniata.....	William R. Taylor.
Shenandoah.....	Daniel B. Ridgely.
Ticonderoga.....	Charles Steadman.
Fort Jackson.....	B. F. Sands.
Santiago de Cuba.....	O. S. Glisson.
Commanders.	
Tuscarora.....	James M. Frailey.
St. Lawrence.....	D. Lynch.
Monadnock.....	E. G. Parrott.
Onondaga.....	William A. Parker.
Shamrock.....	W. H. Macomb.
Rhode Island.....	Stephen D. Trenchard.
Chicopee.....	A. D. Harrell.
Nereus.....	J. C. Howell.
Mohican.....	Daniel Ammen.
Keystone State.....	Henry Roland.
Mendota.....	Edward T. Nichols.
Iosco.....	J. Guest.
Osceola.....	J. M. B. Clitz.
Pawtucket.....	James H. Spotts.

Vessels.	Commanders.
Mackinaw.....	J. C. Beaumont.
R. R. Cuyler.....	C. H. B. Caldwell.
Mattobassett.....	J. C. Fabiger.
Massasoit.....	R. T. Renshaw.
Saugus.....	Edward R. Calhoun.
Agawam.....	A. C. Rhind.
Quaker City.....	W. F. Spicer.

## Lieut.-Commanders.

Pontusac.....	Wm. G. Temple.
Eutaw.....	H. C. Blake.
Wyalusing .....	Earl English.
A. D. Vance.....	J. H. Upshur.
Yantic.....	T. C. Harris.
Sassacus.....	John L. Davis.
Tallapoosa.....	J. E. De Haven.
Tacony.....	W. T. Truxton.
Mercedita.....	Milton Haxton.
Kansas.....	P. T. Watmough.
Maratanza.....	G. W. Young.
Maumee.....	Ralph Chandler.
Pequot.....	D. L. Braine.
Nyack.....	L. H. Newman.
Canonicus.....	Geo. E. Belknap.
Vicksburg.....	F. H. Baker.
Chippewa .....	E. E. Potter.
Saco.....	John G. Walker.
Unadilla.....	Francis M. Ramsey.
Mahopac.....	E. E. Potter.
Huron.....	Thos. O. Selfridge.
Seneca.....	Montgomery Sicard.
Hunchback.....	Joseph P. Fyffe.

## Lientenants.

Monticello.....	Wm. B. Cushing.
Gettysburg .....	R. H. Lamson.
Malvern.....	B. H. Porter.
Alabama.....	A. R. Langthorn.
Montgomery.....	T. C. Dunn.
Fort Donelson .....	Thomas Pickering.
Miami.....	George W. Greaves.
Gov. Buckingham.....	John McDermid.
Aries.....	A. F. Wells.
Cambridge.....	J. F. Nickels.
Cherokee.....	Wm. E. Dennison.
Houquah.....	J. W. Balch.

Vessels.	Lieutenants.
Bignonia.....	Wm. D. Roath.
Com. Barney.....	George B. Livingston.
Shohokon.....	W. B. Sheldon.
Dumbarton.....	Henry Brown.
Clematis.....	E. D. Bruner.
Tristram Shandy.....	F. M. Green.
Lilian.....	Thos. A. Harrison.
Crusader.....	Peter Hays.
Mount Vernon.....	James Trathen.
Atlanta.....	T. J. Woodward.
Britannia.....	Samuel Huse.
Banshee.....	W. H. Garfield.
	Acting Masters.
Mystic.....	William Wright.
Dawn.....	J. A. Jackaway.
Western World.....	Edward Herrick.
Com. Hull.....	J. O. Johnson.
Rachel Seaman.....	Samuel Curtis.
Whitehead.....	George W. Barrett.
Delaware.....	J. H. Eldridge.
Daylight.....	H. A. Phalen.
Com. Morris.....	R. G. Lee.
Eolus.....	E. S. Keyser.
Samuel Rotan.....	W. G. Nutting.
Release.....	John Baker.
Ceres.....	H. H. Foster.
Little Ada.....	S. P. Crafts.
Fahkel.....	E. R. Webb.
Wilderness.....	H. Arey.
Nansemond.....	James H. Porter.
Mt. Washington.....	H. H. Haynie.
Zouave.....	J. L. Hayes.
Ben. Morgan.....	A. B. Mulford.
Phlox.....	Douglass F. O'Brien.
Epsilon.....	F. M. Muitzer.
	Acting Ensigns.
Moccasin.....	James Brown.
Lilac.....	J. A. Chadwick.
Heliotrope.....	B. N. Griffin.
Alert.....	John Bishop.
Anemone.....	W. C. Borden.
Poppy.....	William Clark.
Cohasset.....	M. K. Henderson.
Delta.....	W. F. Gagg.
Republic.....	J. W. Bennett.

## CHAPTER XX.

Selection of Naval Songs including "The Good Ship Union,"  
 "Ballad of New Orleans," "Monitor and Merrimac,"  
 "Cumberland's Crew," "Columbia the Gem of the Ocean,"  
 "Kearsarge and Alabama," "Farragut's Ball," and many  
 others of interest to Naval Veterans.

## VOYAGE OF THE GOOD SHIP UNION.

(1862.)

'Tis midnight: through my troubled dreams  
 Loud wails the tempest's cry;  
 Before the gale, with tattered sail,  
 A ship goes plunging by.  
 What name? Where bound? The rocks around  
 Repeat the loud halloo.  
 —The good ship Union, southward bound,  
 God help her and her crew!

And is the old flag flying still  
 That o'er your fathers flew,  
 With bands of white and rosy light,  
 And field of starry blue?  
 —Ay! look aloft! its folds full oft  
 Have braved the roaring blast,  
 And still shall fly when from the sky  
 This black typhoon has past!

Speak, pilot, of the storm-tost bark!  
 May I thy peril share?  
 O landsmen, these are fearful seas  
 The brave alone may dare!  
 Nay, ruler of the rebel deep,  
 What matters wind or wave?  
 The rocks that wreck your reeling deck  
 Will leave me nought to save!

O landsman, art thou false or true?  
 What sign hast thou to show?  
 The crimson stains from loyal veins  
 That hold my heart blood's flow!

Enough! what more shall honor claim?  
 I know the sacred sign;  
 Above thy head our flag shall spread,  
 Our ocean path be thine!

The bark sails on: the Pilgrim's Cape  
 Lies low along her lee,  
 Whose headlong crooks its anchor-flukes  
 To lock the shore and sea.  
 No treason here! it cost too dear  
 To win this barren realm!  
 And true and free the hands must be  
 That hold the whaler's helm!

Still on! Manhattan's narrowing bay  
 No rebel cruiser scars;  
 Her waters feel no pirate's keel  
 That flaunts the fallen stars!  
 —But watch the light on yonder height,  
 Ay, pilot, have a care!  
 Some lingering cloud in mist may shroud  
 The Capes of Delaware!

Say, pilot, what this fort may be  
 Whose sentinels look down  
 From moated walls that show the sea  
 Their deep embrasures' frown?  
 The rebel host claims all the coast,  
 But these are friends, we know,  
 Whose footprints spoil the "sacred soil,"  
 And this is?—Fort Monroe!

The breakers roar—how bears the shore?  
 —The traitorous wreckers' hands  
 Have quenched the blaze that poured its rays  
 Along the Hatteras sands.  
 Ha! say not so! I see its glow!  
 Again the shoals display  
 The beacon light that shines by night,  
 The Union Stars by day!

The good ship flies to milder skies,  
 The wave more gently flows;  
 The softening breeze wafts o'er the seas  
 The breath of Beaufort's rose.

What fold is this the sweet winds kiss,  
 Fair-striped and many-starred,  
 Whose shadow palls these orphaned walls,  
 The twins of Beauregard?

What! heard you not Port Royal's doom?  
 How the black warships came  
 And turned the Beaufort roses' bloom  
 To redder wreaths of flame?  
 How from Rebellion's broken reed  
 We saw his emblem fall,  
 As soon his cursed poison-weed  
 Shall drop from Sumter's wall?

On! on! Pulaski's iron hail  
 Falls harmless on Tybee!  
 The good ship feels the freshening gale,—  
 She strikes the open sea;  
 She rounds the point, she threads the keys  
 That guard the Land of Flowers,  
 And rides at last where firm and fast  
 Her own Gibraltar towers!

The good ship Union's voyage is o'er,  
 At anchor safe she swings,  
 And loud and clear with cheer on cheer  
 Her joyous welcome rings;  
 Hurrah! hurrah! it shakes the wave,  
 It thunders on the shore,—  
 One flag, one land, one heart, one hand,  
 One nation, evermore!

OLIVER WENDELL HOLMES.

### THE STAR-SPANGLED BANNER.

Oh say can you see, by the dawn's early light,  
 What so proudly we bailed at the twilight's last gleaming;  
 Whose broad stripes and bright stars, through the perilous fight  
 O'er the ramparts we watched, were so gallantly streaming;  
 And the rockets' red glare, the bombs bursting in air,  
 Gave proof, through the night, that our flag was still there.  
 ||: Oh, say, does the star-spangled banner yet wave  
 O'er the land of the free, and the home of the brave?: ||



On the shore dimly seen through the mists of the deep,  
 Where the foe's haughty host in dread silence reposes;  
 What is that which the breeze, o'er the towering steep,  
 As it fitfully blows, half conceals, half discloses;  
 Now it catches the gleam of the morning's first beam,  
 In full glory reflected, now shines on the stream!—  
 || : 'Tis the STAR-SPANGLED BANNER! oh, long may it wave  
 O'er the land of the free and the home of the brave!: ||

Oh thus be it ever, when freemen shall stand  
 Between their loved homes and foul war's desolation;  
 Blessed with vict'ry and peace, may the heaven-rescued land  
 Praise the power that hath made and preserved us a nation;  
 Then conquer we must, for our cause, it is just:  
 And this be our motto—"IN GOD IS OUR TRUST;"  
 || : And the star-spangled banner in triumph shall wave  
 O'er the land of the free and the home of the brave!: ||

### OUR FLAG IS THERE.

Our flag is there, our flag is there,  
 We'll hail it with three loud huzzas;  
 Our flag is there, our flag is there,  
 Behold the glorious stripes and stars.  
 Stout hearts have fought for that bright flag,  
 Strong hands upheld it mast-head high,  
 And oh! to see how proud it waves,  
 Brings tears of joy to every eye.

*Chorus.*—Our flag is there, our flag is there,  
 We'll hail it with three loud huzzas,  
 Our flag is there, our flag is there,  
 Behold the glorious stripes and stars.

That flag has stood the battle's roar,  
 With foemen stout, with foemen brave;  
 Strong hands have sought that flag to lower,  
 And found a sure and speedy grave.  
 That flag is known on every shore,  
 The standard of a gallant band,  
 Alike unstained in peace and war,  
 It floats o'er freedom's happy land.

*Chorus.*—Our flag is there, etc.

## A BALLAD OF NEW ORLEANS.

BY WILLIAM SIMMONS.

Lord Lovell reigned in New Orleans,  
 On the banks of the Mississippi ;  
 And he was spoiling for a fight,  
 Being the son of an F. F. V.

Lovell swore the Town to defend.  
 He waved a Confederate flag,  
 And said that he was ready to die  
 Beneath that Piratical rag.

He drank all night, and swore all day  
 That he was the son of old Mars ;  
 And boldly said he was not afraid  
 Of the Northern Yankee Tars.

He had ten thousand valiant men,  
 And with these men, said he,  
 The Yankee Mudsills I can beat,  
 With my gray-coated Chivalry.

Them forts, he said, the Navy can't take ;  
 We have boats and rams a score,  
 Batteries above and below the town,  
 All along the river shore.

But Farragut came with a small fleet,  
 With a very small fleet came he ;  
 And Lovell at once began to retreat,  
 Before the first boat he could see.

Hold on old fellow, brave Farragut said,  
 Hold on Lord Lovell, said he.  
 Bul Lovell said, as tracks he made,  
 I am in a great hur-ree.

Lovell kept running by day and night.  
 For a mighty fine runner was he ;  
 Because he could not stand the sight  
 Of a gun near a live Yankee.

Farewell Lord Lovell, a long good-bye,  
 Said a haughty Creole grandee.  
 So Farragut's sailor boys came right up  
 And captured the great Citee.

## FARRAGUT.

MOBILE BAY, AUGUST 5, 1864.

Farragut, Farragut,  
 Old heart of oak,  
 Daring Dave Farragut,  
 Thunderbolt stroke,  
 Watches the hoary mist  
 Lift from the bay,  
 Till his flag, glory-kissed,  
 Greets the young day.

Far, by gray Morgan's walls,  
 Looms the black fleet.  
 Hark, deck to rampart calls  
 With the drum's beat !  
 Buoy your chains overboard,  
 While the steam hums ;  
 Men ! to the battlement,  
 Farragut comes.

See, as the hurricane  
 Hurtles in wrath  
 Squadrons of clouds amain  
 Back from its path !  
 Back to the parapet,  
 To the guns' lips,  
 Thunderbolt Farragut  
 Hurls the black ships.

Now through the battle's roar  
 Clear the boy sings,  
 "By the mark fathoms four,"  
 While his lead swings.  
 Steady the wheelmen five  
 "Nor' by east keep her,"  
 "Steady," but two alive ;  
 How the shells sweep her !

Lashed to the mast that sways  
 Over red decks,  
 Over the flame that plays  
 Round the torn wrecks,  
 Over the dying lips  
 Framed for a cheer,  
 Farragut leads his ships,  
 Guides the line clear.

On by heights cannon-browed,  
 While the spars quiver ;  
 Onward still flames the cloud  
 Where the hulks shiver.  
 See, yon fort's star is set,  
 Storm and fire past.  
 Cheer him, lads—Farragut  
 Lashed to the mast !  
 Oh ! while Atlantic's breast  
 Bears a white sail,  
 While the Gulf's towering crest  
 Tops a green vale ;  
 Men they brave deeds shall tell.  
 Old Heart of Oak,  
 Daring Dave Farragut,  
 Thunderbolt stroke !

—William T. Meredith, in the *Century*.

#### THE KEARSARGE AND THE ALABAMA.

In Cherbourg roads the pirate lay  
 One morn in June, like a beast at bay,  
 Feeling secure in the neutral port,  
 Under the guns of the Frenchman's fort,—  
 A thieving vulture, a coward thing,  
 Sheltered beneath a despot's wing.  
 But there outside, in the calm, blue bay,  
 Our ocean eagle, the Kearsarge, lay ;  
 Lay at ease on the Sunday morn,  
 Holding the corsair ship in scorn ;  
 With captain and crew in the might of their right  
 Willing to pray, but more eager to fight.  
 Four bells are struck, and this thing of night,  
 Like a panther crouching with fierce affright,  
 Must leap from his cover, and, come what may,  
 Must fight for his life or steal away.  
 So, out of the port with his braggart air,  
 With flaunting flags sailed the proud corsair.  
 The Cherbourg cliffs were all alive  
 With lookers-on, like a swarming hive ;  
 While compelled to do what he dared not shirk,  
 The pirate went to his desperate work ;  
 And Europe's tyrants looked on in glee,  
 As they thought of our Kearsarge sunk in the sea.

But our little bark smiled back at them  
 A smile of contempt, with that Union gem,  
 The American banner, far floating and free,  
 Proclaiming her champions were out on the sea ;  
 Were out on the sea and abroad on the land,  
 Determined to win under God's command.

Down came the vulture ; our eagle sat still,  
 Waiting to strike with his ironclad bill ;  
 Convinced by the glow of his glorious cause  
 He could crumple his foe in the grasp of his claws.

"Clear the decks !" then said Winslow—words measured and slow ;  
 "Point the guns, and prepare for the terrible blow ;  
 And whatever the fate to ourselves may be  
 We will sink in the ocean this pest of the sea."

The decks were all cleared and the guns were all manned,  
 Awaiting to meet this Atlantic brigand.  
 When lo ! roared a broadside ; the ship of the thief  
 Was torn, and wept blood in that moment of grief.

Another ! Another ! Another ! And still  
 The broadsides went in with a hearty good will,  
 Till the pirate reeled wildly, as staggering and drunk,  
 And down to his own native regions he sunk.

Down, down, forty fathoms beneath the blue wave,  
 And the hopes of old Europe lie in the same grave ;  
 While Freedom, more firm, stands upon her own sod,  
 And for heroes like Winslow is shouting, "Thank God."

THOMAS BUCHANAN READ.

#### MONITOR AND MERRIMAC.

'Way down at Fort Monroe, the rebels struck a blow,  
 Which raised a great commotion thro' this land you know,  
 They'd better stayed at home and let the Yankee boys' alone,  
 For they got enough of Yankee Doodle Dandy, Oh !

CHORUS—A hop-de-doo-den-doo, Jeff' Davis how are you ?  
 We beat your Merrimac so neat and handy, oh !  
 And now we'll give three more for the gallant Monitor,  
 And three we'll give for Yankee Doodle Dandy, Oh !

The rebel Merrimac with others at her back,  
 Commanded by Buchanan the old granny oh !  
 From Norfolk started out and tried to put to rout,  
 And capture little Yankee Doodle Dandy, Oh !—Chorus.

The Congress soon went down, the Minnesota fast aground,  
Which made our Yankee Sailors feel abandoned Oh !  
But see with hearty cheers the Monitor appears,  
While the music strikes up Yankee Doodle Dandy, Oh !—Chorus.

The rebel shot flew hot, but the Yankee answered not  
'Till they got within a distance they called handy oh !  
Now says Worden to his crew, boys lets see what you can do,  
If you take that iron rebel you're the dandy Oh !—Chorus.

The little Monitor, her iron hail did pour,  
Which made the Merrimac squeal like a gander oh !  
The rebels shook their heads and to one another said  
Lawr they've got an iron Yankee Doodle Dandy Oh !—Chorus.

Says the rebels we're undone, boys I guess we better run  
For the bottom of the river is quite sandy oh !  
We are sinking fast I swear, so for Norfolk we will steer,  
And d—n that iron Yankee Doodle Dandy Oh !—Chorus.

Raise your voices every one, give three cheers for Erricson,  
Who gave us such a vessel, neat and handy oh !  
And now we'll give three more for the gallant Monitor,  
And three we'll give for Yankee Doodle Dandy, Oh !—Chorus.

The rebel Merrimac has been blown to bally-hack,  
And now we'll give three cheers so neat and handy oh !  
Next John Bull will get his fill, for let the world say what it will,  
The Yankee Boys for Fighting are the Dandy, Oh !—Chorus.

#### COLUMBIA'S FLAG.

Of all the flags that proudly float  
O'er Neptune's gallant tars,  
Or wave on high in victory  
Above the sons of Mars,  
Give us that flag, Columbia's flag,  
Pure emblem of the free,  
Whose brilliant stars flashed through our wars,  
For truth and liberty.

CHORUS.—Then dip it, lads, in ocean's brine,  
Greet it with three times three !  
Columbia's flag shall henceforth shine,  
The banner of the sea.

Beneath its oflds we fear no foes,  
 Our hearts shall never quail,  
 With bosoms bare the storm we dare,  
 And brave the battle's hail.  
 E'en when our decks with shot were ploughed,  
 Their planks with gore dyed red,  
 Our gallant tars firm at their posts,  
 Ne'er paused to count their dead.

CHO.—Then dip it, lads, in ocean's brine,  
 Greet it with three times three!  
 The flag that was at Mobile made  
 The banner of the sea.

Far o'er the sea to every clime  
 This honored flag shall go,  
 And through all time its fame sublime  
 With brighter hues shall glow.  
 For Freedom's own that flag is now,  
 Its guardians Freedom's sons,  
 And woe betide the insolent  
 On whom they train their guns.

CHO.—Then dip it, lads, in ocean's brine,  
 Greet it with three times three!  
 The flag for which our tars have won  
 Dominion on the sea

Its enemies dispersed shall be  
 Upon the land and main,  
 Its stars so bright mid storm and fight  
 Will never shine in vain.  
 No foreign power nor treason rife  
 Shall shake our courage keen,  
 We'll give our lives in deadly strife  
 To hold that flag supreme.

CHO.—Then dip it, lads, in ocean's brine,  
 Greet it with three times three!  
 At last thank God! our navy flies  
 The banner of the sea.

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#### A TRIBUTE TO CAPTAIN WORDEN.

BY MRS. EDMUND A. SOUDER.

Honor to Captain Worden,  
 The gallant and the brave,  
 Who came in hour of greatest need,  
 Our noble fleet to save.



We'll join in grateful songs of praise,  
 And this shall be the burden  
 Which every loyal voice shall sing—  
 Honor to Captain Worden!

With thrilling hearts and tearful eyes,  
 We read the mournful story,  
 Of those who found a watery grave,  
 Yet live, all deck'd with glory.  
 Their names shall stand on history's page,  
 And handed down from age to age,  
 The fate of that heroic band,  
 Who perished in the Cumberland.

Like fiends the rebel crew approach,  
 And deal out death and slaughter;  
 The booming gun and bursting shell  
 Sound o'er the tranquil water.  
 Brave hearts and stalwart arms were there,  
 And swift the order to prepare,  
 While from the masts the flags shall fly  
 Until we conquer or we die!

The iron hail falls thick and fast—  
 In crowds our men are dying;  
 "Sink or Surrender" is the cry—  
 "We'll sink with colors flying!"  
 Morris, the lion-hearted said.  
 The rebels' death blow quickly sped—  
 The iron prow the timbers shiver,  
 The oaken ribs sink in the river,  
 Yet ere they sunk, those noble tars,  
 Cheered yet again the Stripes and Stars!

But Worden's noble little craft,  
 The Monitor, drew near,  
 To save the honor of the flag,  
 To every freeman dear;  
 E'en in the teeth of that dread foe  
 He dealt the rebel blow for blow.  
 Thanks be to God! she saved the day,  
 And victory's palm she bore away.

Shall we who sit in peace at home,  
 Our fireside bliss enjoying,  
 Our heartfelt tribute fail to bring  
 To him, our foes destroying?

Then join in grateful songs of praise,  
 And let this be the burden,  
 Which every loyal heart shall sing—  
 Honor to Captain Worden!

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### FARRAGUT'S BALL.

BY COMRADE JOSEPH E. VANTINE, U. S. S. RICHMOND.

Off Mobile, Aug. 1864. Tune—"Lannigan's Ball."

On the blockade was one Admiral Farragut,  
 Who was noted for being a very brave man;  
 Who never was known to be scarified ne'er a bit,  
 But his vessels in all kinds of ructions he ran.  
 He gave a large party one day to his squadron;  
 Officers and men, he invited them all.  
 And if you'll pay attention, I'll just try to mention,  
 The rows and the ructions at Farragut's Ball.

'Twas myself had a free invitation,  
 For me and my shipmates every one;  
 And quickly it proved me a nice occupation,  
 Sponging the hole in a big nine-inch gun.  
 I handled the sponge and the rammer so gracefully,  
 That all of my shipmates loudly did bawl,  
 "Be gripes!" you're a jewel, you do it so tastefully;  
 You're just in time for Farragut's Ball.

When we got there they were dancing a Polka:  
 Farragut's Polka, says I, by my sowl.  
 The funniest dancing that ever a mortal saw,—  
 Nothing but whistle, crack, bang, whizz and howl.  
 The boys were all merry, the girls were all frisky,  
 But the divil a girl did I see there at all.  
 Not even as much as a noggin of whiskey:  
 To blazes, says I, with Farragut's Ball.

There was torpedoes served round to all of the company  
 And a new kind of dish that they called Ricochet;  
 There was hot shot, rifle shot, shrapnel and canister,  
 Till at length we are all of us inside the Bay.  
 When the rebel ram Tennessee raised merry murder;  
 Commenced training her guns and firing at all,  
 When the Monitor swore they would stand it no longer,  
 But they'd have satisfaction at Farragut's Ball.

Och, Murther! me boys, but then there was ructions,  
 The Tennessee right for the Admiral hied;  
 So he quickly replied to her nate introduction  
 And poured a whole broadside right into her side.  
 The Richmond and Brooklyn, Lackawanna and two or three  
 Knocked off her plating, smoke-stack and all.  
 Sure we spent five days at Pensacola Academy,  
 Larning some steps for Farragut's Ball.

At length she was battered and bruised up so perfectly  
 That a stopper was put on to all of her pranks;  
 And Buchanan, who'd got his leg broken below the knee,  
 Surrendered his ship and his crew to the Yanks.  
 The ladies in Mobile they all raised a doleful cry,  
 And all of them loudly for vengeance did bawl;  
 For they lost the price of their dresses and finery,  
 When their darling was captured at Farragut's Ball.

#### COLUMBIA, THE GEM OF THE OCEAN!

Oh, Columbia, the Gem of the Ocean,  
 The home of the brave and the free;  
 The shrine of each patriot's devotion;  
 A world offers homage to Thee!  
 Thy mandates maks heroes assemble  
 When Liberty's form stands in view;  
 Thy banners make tyranny tremble  
 When borne by the Red, White and Blue.

#### *Chorus.*

Three cheers for the Red, White and Blue,  
 Three cheers for the Red, White and Blue.  
 The Army and Navy forever!  
 Three cheers for the Red, White and Blue.

When war waged its wide desolation,  
 And threatened our land to deform,  
 The Ark then of Freedom's foundation,  
 Columbia rode safe through the storm.  
 With her garlands of vict'ry around her,  
 When so proudly she bore her brave crew,  
 With her Flag proudly floating above her,  
 The boast of the Red, White and Blue.

*Cho.*—Three cheers, etc,

Your off'rings of praise bring ye hither,  
 And gratefully join ye the hymn,  
 May the wreaths they have worn never wither,  
 Nor the star of their glory grow dim !  
 May the service united ne'er sever,  
 But all to their colors prove true !  
 The Army and Navy forever !  
 Three cheers for the Red, White and Blue !

*Cho.*—Three cheers, etc.

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### THE CUMBERLAND'S CREW.

Oh ! shipmates, come, gather, and join in my ditty ;  
 It's of terrible battle that happened of late :  
 Let each good Union-Tar shed a sad tear of pity,  
 When he thinks of the once Cumberland's fate.  
 The Eighth day of March told a terrible story,  
 And many a brave tar to this world bid Adieu !  
 Yet our flag it was wrapt in a mantle of glory  
 By the heroic deeds of the Cumberland's crew.

On that ill-fated day about ten in the morning,  
 The sky was clear, and bright shone the sun,  
 The drums of the Cumberland sounded a warning  
 That told every seaman to stand by his gun.  
 The Iron-clad Frigate down on us came bearing,  
 And high in the air the Rebel Flag flew ;  
 The Pennant of Treason she proudly was waving,  
 Determined to conquer the Cumberland's crew.

Then up spoke our Captain with stern resolution,  
 Saying : my boys, of this monster now don't be dismayed,  
 We swore to maintain our beloved Constitution,  
 And to die for our country we are not afraid !  
 We fight for the Union : our cause it is glorious,  
 To the Stars and the Stripes we will stand ever true,  
 We'll sink at our quarters, or conquer victorious !  
 Was answered, with cheers, from the Cumberland's crew.

Now our gallant ship fired her guns' dreadful thunder,  
 Her broadside, like hail, on the Rebel did pour ;  
 The people gazed on, struck with terror and wonder,  
 The shot struck her sides, and glanced harmless o'er ;  
 But the pride of our Navy could never be daunted,  
 Tho' the dead and the wounded her deck they did strew,  
 And the Flag of our Union how proudly it flaunted,  
 Sustained by the blood of the Cumberland's crew.

Slowly they sunk beneath Virginia's waters,

    Their voices on earth will ne'er be heard more—

They'll be wept by Columbia's brave sons and fair daughters!

    May their blood be avenged on Virginia's shore!—

In that battle-stained grave they are silently lying—

    Their souls have forever to earth bid Adieu!

But the Star-Spangled Banner above them is flying;

    It was nailed to the mast by the Cumberland's crew.

They fought us three hours with stern resolution,

    Till these Rebels found cannon would never avail them;

For the Flag of Secession has no power to gall them,

    Tho' the blood from their scuppers it crimson'd the tide;

She struck us amidst-ship, our planks she did sever;

    Her sharp iron-prong pierced our noble ship through:

And still, as she sank on that dark rolling river,

    We'll die at our guns! cried the Cumberland's crew.

Columbia's sweet birthright of Freedom's communion,

    Thy Flag never floated so proudly before;

For the spirits of those that died for our Union,

    Above its broad folds now exaltingly soar!—

And when our sailors in battle assemble,

    God bless our dear Banner: the Red, White and Blue!

Beneath its bright Stars we'll cause tyrants to tremble,

    Or sink at our guns, like the Cumberland's crew.











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